

I'll fly away, oh, Glory I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away
Yeah, when I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

***"A family of faith in Jesus
Christ, yesterday, today,
and tomorrow."***

**September 22, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and growing.

Let us worship God, together.

HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

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Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

GUIDED PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, deliver us.

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:9-11 (NRSV)

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

RESPONSE HYMN "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:8 (NRSV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

SERMON

"Closer to the Mind of Christ"

Valerie Hicks

HYMN

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore.

Refrain

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, We dedicate everything to you: our church, our buildings, our land and it's produce, our money, our time and our lives. Use us in ways that we can't even imagine to bring you glory. Amen.

HYMN

"I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is over I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away

I'll fly away, oh, Glory I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end I'll fly away

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