

# SUNDAY AT BETHANY ONLINE

10.4.20

## Call to Worship

Leader: In your wisdom, O God,  
you call us here to worship you.

**Response: We gather, alive to the  
Word of God.**

L: You call us to be fully alive with  
your life abundant, ready to  
listen and respond with heart,  
soul, strength, and mind.

**R: We listen, alive to the Word of  
God.**

L: You call us to be always  
watchful for your Word of  
wisdom, sometimes startling  
and unexpected, sometimes  
still and quiet, but always  
dwelling among us.

**R: We watch and wait for the  
Word of God.**

## Confession

L: the proof of God's amazing  
love is this: While we were  
sinners, Christ died for us. Let us  
therefore approach the throne  
of grace with boldness, so that  
we may receive mercy and  
find grace, to help in time of  
need. Trusting in God's  
faithfulness and compassion, let  
us confess our sin before God  
and one another.

--Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

**ALL: Gracious God, our sins are  
too heavy to carry, too real to  
hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to  
name, what our hearts can no  
longer bear, and what has**

**become for us a consuming fire  
of judgment. Set us free from a  
past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we  
can be changed; and grant us  
grace to grow more and more  
in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of  
the world. Amen.**

## Assurance | Absolution

L: Here are words you may trust,  
words that merit full  
acceptance: Christ Jesus  
came into the world to save  
sinners. To all who confess their  
sins and resolve to lead a new  
life, he says, your sins are  
forgiven." He also says, "Follow  
me." Now to the one who rules  
all worlds, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and  
glory forever and ever.

--1 Timothy 1:15-17

## Song

### ***Spirit of God, Descend***

*Spirit of God,  
descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth;  
through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee  
as I ought to love.*

*Hast Thou not bid me  
love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own, soul,  
heart and strength and mind.  
I see Thy cross;  
there teach my heart to cling:*

*Oh, let me seek Thee,  
and, oh, let me find!*

*Teach me to feel  
that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles  
of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising  
doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of  
unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love  
Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion  
filling all my frame;  
The kindling of  
the heav'n-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar,  
and Thy love the flame.*

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## **Psalm 80:7-19**

- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.
- <sup>8</sup> You transplanted a vine from  
Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and  
planted it.
- <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the  
land.
- <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered  
with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its  
branches.
- <sup>11</sup> Its branches reached as far as  
the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.
- <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its  
Walls so that all who pass by

- pick its grapes?
- <sup>13</sup> Boars from the forest ravage it,  
and insects from the fields feed  
on it.
- <sup>14</sup> Return to us, God Almighty!  
Look down from heaven and  
see!  
Watch over this vine,  
<sup>15</sup> the root your right hand has  
planted,  
the son you have raised up for  
yourself.
- <sup>16</sup> Your vine is cut down, it is  
burned with fire;  
at your rebuke your people  
perish.
- <sup>17</sup> Let your hand rest on the man  
at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised  
up for yourself.
- <sup>18</sup> Then we will not turn away from  
you;  
revive us, and we will call on  
your name.
- <sup>19</sup> Restore us, LORD God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

**C: Glory be to the Father, and to  
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is  
now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

## **Salutation & Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you.

**R: And also with you!**

L: Great and loving God, we  
come before you emptied of  
all that would distract, seeking  
all that would redeem. Let  
these moments not become so  
routine as to be predictable,  
nor so familiar as to be

conventional. Prepare us for the unexpected. Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit in praise of our Savior.

**R: Amen.**

**Reading** Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4b</sup> If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## Profession of Faith

**All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

--Philippians 2:5-11

## Offering of Tithes and Gifts

### Video: *Oceans*

**Sermon** --Philippians 2:4b-114  
*"I press on"*

## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow.*

*Praise him all creatures  
here below.*

*Praise him above  
all you heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

## **Benediction**

## **Going Forth**

P: The worship is over.

**R: Let the service begin!**

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