

Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10: 38-39

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Bethany Reformed Church seeks to be a caring and inclusive community called by Christ to glorify God – empowered by the Holy Spirit to express God's love, serve our neighbors and community, and invite others to follow Christ in a life changing way.

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Order of Worship

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Means rise in body or spirit, if able.

Bold print for congregational response.

There are **hearing assistance devices** in a box by the entrance to the Sanctuary for those who need them. Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Offerings may be placed in the basket by the Sanctuary door.

VOTUM & WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

*OPENING HYMN #111 (Red) "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory, but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame, and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. (Personal prayers continued in silence)...**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we offer this prayer. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* *GLORIA PATRI* #579 (Red Hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: Jessica Fuglein

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (pg. 722)

Matthew 10:24-39 (pgs. 10-11)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"How Shall I Sing to God"

1. How shall I sing to God
when life is filled with gladness,
loving and birth,
wonder and worth?
I'll sing from the heart,
thankfully receiving,
joyful in believing.

This is my song, I'll sing it with love.

2. How shall I sing to God
when life is filled with bleakness,
empty and chill,
breaking my will?
I'll sing through my pain,
angrily or aching,
crying or complaining.

This is my song, I'll sing it with love.

3. How shall I sing to God
and tell my Saviour's story:
 passover bread,
 life from the dead?
 I'll sing with my life,
 witnessing and giving,
 risking and forgiving.
This is my song, I'll sing it with love.

SERMON

“Oh...Come On!”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #100 (Red) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #592 (Red) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (written announcements at the end of bulletin)

*HYMN OF PARTING #284 (Green) “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #537 (Red Hymnal)

Farewell, good friend, Farewell good friend.

Shalom, shalom.

Till we meet again, till we meet again.

Shalom, shalom.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The Handbell Choir will rehearse after worship today, June 21.

-*"Words of Hope"* Devotionals, July-September 2026 are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

-Bible Study: *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus"* by Merryl Blair. *Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary — Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family?* This study takes place on Wednesdays at 1 PM, in the Pastor's Office and via Zoom.

-Please send any July/August Newsletter articles to the Church Office no later than Monday, June 29.

-Please join Family Promise of the Capital Region and support their mission by doing a dine to donate on Monday, June 29, at Bountiful Bread in Stuyvesant Plaza. A portion of the proceeds will be going to Family Promise. Another donation opportunity will be a golf tournament in August at the Colonie Country Club. More details about this will be shared soon.

-Our next Brooks BBQ is Friday, July 10. Prep work is Thursday, July 9. Can you help bake brownies, peel potatoes, make coleslaw? Please let Wendy or Pam know what you can do to help!

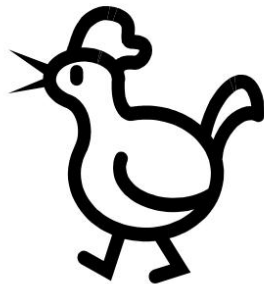
Brooks BBQ Drive Thru

Friday, July 10, 2026
3 PM – 6 PM (or sold out)
Preordering not available.

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Convenient to Route 85 at Buckingham

½ Chicken	\$10
½ Chicken Dinner	\$16



Dinner includes:

Chicken half
Baked potato
Coleslaw
Roll
Dessert

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