

# THE LORD'S DAY

May 20, 2012

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

### MEDITATION

Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.  
*Psalm 119:12*

### PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*  
SLANE

**†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION**  
*Psalm 103:21-22*

### ADORATION

*†Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymn **63**  
ST. DENIO

### †CONGREGATIONAL READING

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

*Psalm 119:169-176*

<sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before You, O Lord;  
Give me understanding according to Your word.

<sup>170</sup> *Let my supplication come before You;  
Deliver me according to Your word.*

<sup>171</sup> My lips shall utter praise,  
For You teach me Your statutes.

<sup>172</sup> *My tongue shall speak of Your word,  
For all Your commandments are righteousness.*

<sup>173</sup> Let Your hand become my help,  
For I have chosen Your precepts.

<sup>174</sup> *I long for Your salvation, O Lord,  
And Your law is my delight.*

<sup>175</sup> Let my soul live, and it shall praise You;  
And let Your judgments help me.

<sup>176</sup> *I have gone astray like a lost sheep;  
Seek Your servant,  
For I do not forget Your commandments.*

### †Gloria Patri

WORCESTER

Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, Glo-ry be to God the Son,  
Glo-ry be to God the Spir-it, Great Je- hov-ah, Three in one!  
Glo-ry, glo-ry, While e-ter-nal a - ges run! A - men.

### CONFESSON & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Hymn **299**  
LENOX

### THANKSGIVING

*†Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymn **493**  
ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

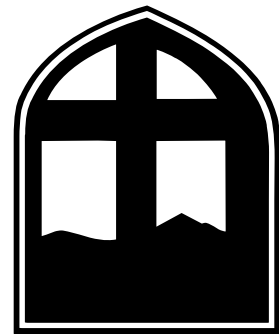
### PETITION

*†Prayer of Intercession*

Offering

# Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,  
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.  
Bless the Lord, all His works,  
In all places of His dominion.

## BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

*Psalm 103:21-22*



MINISTRY OF THE WORD  
SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 20

†Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 374  
SLANE

THE SERMON  
Teaching with Parables  
Mark 4:1-20

†O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn 377  
ANGEL'S STORY

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

†Congregation will stand



All are invited to remain after the worship service  
for our monthly fellowship dinner.

No Evening Service

Teaching with Parables from Mark 4:1-20  
Pastor George Stiekes

Jesus changed the method of His teaching from direct statements of truth to parabolic narrative. The disciples were puzzled by this change and sought to understand the difference. In order to understand the purpose for this change, we must not separate chapter 3 from chapter 4. The key to understanding the parables is to surrender your life to doing the will of God (3:35). There were many listening to Christ's teachings who had no intention of understanding. Therefore, they really never heard what Christ had taught. That scenario has not changed in our day.

1. The Importance (4:1-3a)

2. The Intention

A. The Human Perspective (Mark 4:9-12)

B. The Divine Perspective (Matthew 13:34-35; Psalm 78:1-3; Isaiah 6:9; 55:11).

3. The Instruction (3b – 7, 14 – 20)

A. Three Bad Soils (4:3-7, 15-19)

B. One Good Soil (4:8, 20).

Planned Hymns for Next Week:  
When Morning Guilds the Skies (48); Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (7);  
All Creatures of Our God and King (58); Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word (Liebster  
Jesu); Abide with Me (440)



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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS  
TODAY—Fellowship meal follows the morning worship; no evening service

WEDNESDAY—7:00pm, Summer series: **Living God's Word**

SATURDAY—8:30am, Membership Class

JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>—9am, All Church Prayer Breakfast

	May 13	Budget	YTD	YTD Bdg/Total
General Fund	\$5,215	\$3,608	\$69,825	\$72,151
Missions	\$180		\$1,697	
Deacons Fund	\$75		\$3,062	
Building Fund	\$25		\$1,230	\$26,514

Weekly Catechism

83. Q. How is baptism rightly administered?  
A. Baptism is rightly administered by immersion, or dipping the whole body of the person in water,<sup>1</sup> in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution, and the practice of the apostles,<sup>2</sup> and not by sprinkling or pouring of water, or dipping some part of the body, after the tradition of men.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt 3:16; John 3:23

<sup>2</sup> Matt 28:19-20

<sup>3</sup> John 4:1-2; Acts 8:38-39

