

Beulah Presbyterian Church
March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Janet Harris

GREETINGS, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 121) and OPENING PRAYER**

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper,
by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us lift our eyes to God. Let us pray:

**God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead,
to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new;
to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown;
until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn**

"Let All Things Now Living"

#37

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed,
but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly,
we confess our sins in faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust
in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We
justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We
struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you
have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God is for us and not against us!

**For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.**

Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

“Rain Down”

Jaime Cortez

(Chancel Choir & Shirley Herbert/Rain Stick)

We would love for you to join in singing the refrain below. (Page #48 in hymnal)

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children are invited to participate in activities at the Prayground area
in front of the pulpit for the remainder of the service.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

2nd Lesson John 3:1-17

The Word the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“A Trail Called Trinity”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

#506

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

May the God of great adventures be with you!

And also with you!

It is God who is able to keep our hearts filled with hope and peace.

We will offer our hearts to the One who is our Keeper.

Trust in the promises whose fulfillment we cannot see.

We lift our songs to the One who is always with us.

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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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GENEROSITY

Call for the Offering

All that we have is a gift from God. In faith and gratitude, we return now a portion of what we have so abundantly received, as grateful heirs of the promises of God.

Offertory

*Celebrating God’s Generosity

Hymn #606

*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.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude – for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

#684

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

Go out in faith, trusting in God's sense of direction.

Remember how much God loves this world
and so love the world in the name of Christ,
that your testimony becomes the good news
someone else has been waiting to receive.

As you go out and come in,

may God keep you by sunlight and moonlight;

may Christ encompass you with love;

and may the Holy Spirit empower you with new life; now and forever.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

“Presto”

G.F. Handel

Go in Peace

A special word of thanks to all those who helped make this worship service possible.

It is good to be together!

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Remember in Prayer

Laura Foster, Ron Vaughn, Susan Rock, Lorna Pierce, Joy Brands, Suzi Criscoe, Rev. Don Seeger

All those who are Care Givers, all those affected by tragic world events and

Jake Mohn, Dylan Brooks, Jeffrey Schmidt, and all Service Personnel and their families.

Welcome! We warmly greet all who have come to worship God.

We are so glad that you are here. We hope that joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. Here at Beulah our mission is transforming lives through the love of Jesus Christ – that simple and that challenging. We realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, and we know we are a work in progress. If you are new to Beulah, we hope you will join us again and consider attending any of our mission, fellowship, and education opportunities. God's peace to you today.

Membership ~ If you have any questions about membership, please call the church office at 502-239-3231 or email carol@beulahpres.org.

Learn more by visiting us on our website at www.beulahpres.org, and on our Facebook page at Beulah Presbyterian Church.

Assisting in worship ~ Pastor Bill Owens; Liturgist Alice Braasch; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

Virtual Ministry ~ Please follow us on our Website www.beulahpres.org, Facebook, Instagram@beulah_pres, and YouTube to stay up to date on upcoming events, view previous worship services, live stream services, and see what's happening in the life and ministry of Beulah!

Listening Devices ~ The Sanctuary is equipped with Listening Devices for persons with hearing difficulty. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Electronic Devices ~ In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please power off cell phones and other electronic devices so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

Large Print Worship Bulletin ~ If you or someone you know needs a large print bulletin of today's service, please ask one of the ushers and they will assist you.

