

Beulah Presbyterian Church
March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Lenten Prayer”

Edward Broughton

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 and OPENING PRAYER**

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

Let us pray:

**Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day
show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“God Welcomes All”

#399

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

As thirsty people wandering through this season of Lent,
we seek God's forgiveness and grace in this moment of honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things
that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship
things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you
offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that
we may never thirst again. Amen.**

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners,

Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God,

God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead –

now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***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

Where Joy and Sorrow Meet”

David James White

(Chancel Choir)

*There is a place where hope remains, in crowns of thorns and crimson stains,
and tears that fall on Jesus’ feet. Where joy and sorrow meet.*

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

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit,
may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word,
that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Psalm 95

2nd Lesson Romans 5:1-11

3rd Lesson John 4:5-42

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

SERMON

“Will He get you?”

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**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#829

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

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**

**O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand.
As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

#81

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

Beloved people of God; I invite you, in the name of Christ,
to continue to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on Gods’ word.
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“A Joyous Acclamation”

Gerald Peterson

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 Lori Witherspoon; 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.



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