

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Jesus is My Hope”

Rachel Sawyer

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

Sing to God.

Sing praises to God's name.

Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Let us worship God; let us pray: **Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly.

Let us offer our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name.

We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are God's people

created, loved and forgiven.

The God of all grace has called us by name.

God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

It is good news to celebrate.

We are forgiven!

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***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

“Come, Let Us Rise with Christ”
(Chancel Choir)

John Purifoy

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, open our eyes; open our hearts. Bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Acts 1:6-14
2nd Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
3rd Lesson John 17:1-11
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Dying or Rising?”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Declaration of Faith)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***Hymn**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE 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

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.

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Jesus said to the Father, All mine are yours, and all yours are mine.

Therefore, let us offer to God this day our lives and labors in service of Christ’s love.

Offertory

*Celebrating God’s Generosity

Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn

“Go to the World!”

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

Sisters and brothers, God loves and cares for each of us.

Therefore, cast all anxiety on God, and keep alert,
so that we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ,
who supports and strengthens us in all things.

May the abundance of God bless you, the strength of Christ keep you,
and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, shine upon you forever.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE

“Diapson Dialogue”

Gordon Young

Go in Peace

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

It is good to be together!

Remember in Prayer

Beth Biller, Lorna Pierce, Laura Foster, Ron Vaughn, Joy Brands, Suzi Criscoe,

Rev. Don Seeger

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

Jake Rutledge, Jake Mohn, William Bland, 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 Sue Kyle; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Chancel Choir; 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.

