

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 12, 2023

24TH Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Almost Persuaded”

William Barnett

GREETING, 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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER**

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

We choose love.

We choose hope.

We choose peace.

We choose kindness.

We choose welcome.

We choose justice.

We choose to serve God.

Let us worship.

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. Amen.

***Hymn**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

#353

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel!

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

“Keep Your Lamps!”
(*Chancel Choir*)

arr. by Andre Thomas

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

Send your Spirit to move in our world and stir the water of our souls that we may desire a
word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Psalm 78:1-7

2nd Lesson Matthew 25:1-13

3rd Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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

SERMON

“The God Whom We Serve”

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**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

#347

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

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

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

#757

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Keep awake, for Christ is coming to gather us to his welcome table,
where we will feast in joy.

May the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God uphold you, and the Holy Spirit spark you with unquenchable fire as you wait and work for the kingdom to come. **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!

Remember in Prayer

*Mary Hockenberry, Ron Vaughn, Beth Biller, Suzi Criscoe, Bill Anderson, Verna Williams,
Rev. Don Seeger, Jake Mohn, William Bland, Dylan Brooks, Jeffrey Schmidt,
and all Service Personnel and their families.*

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

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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; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Liturgist Lori Witherspoon; Chancel Choir; and 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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