

Beulah Presbyterian Church
January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Adagio”

Camille Saint Saëns

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** (*from Psalm 40*)

I waited patiently for the Lord.

The Lord inclined his ear to me and heard my cry.

He brought me up out of hopelessness and despair.

And set a new song upon my lips!

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

***Hymn**

“Jesus Calls Us”

#720

CALL TO CONFESSION

The new year is but three Sundays old and for many of us the new year's resolutions are fading memories and our old ways have crept back into our lives. Not that all of that is bad, but we wonder why we do not embrace ways that lift us up but instead return to those old habits that do not reflect what we would like to do. Yet, here we are. The good news is that the Lord knows us inside and out and invites us to lay our sins and misdeeds before God so that we may be challenged anew to be men and women of faith and good works. Let us share the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, hear our prayer. We are too often people who miss the mark in our caring for one another. We drive by those who hold up signs asking for help and turn the other way when we know we could make a difference. We are in need of guidance, yet we do not want to follow that guidance. Help us, O Lord to be changed by your love and to share our love for each other as you have shared your love for us. Challenge us to see the world anew as a place of wonder. Forgive us, that we may believe that indeed your love and sacrifice has made us holy and blameless once more. Amen

(Silence is Observed)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is a forgiving and loving God who knows our propensity to do the wrong thing. Yet, still God's love abides. Believe that no matter what, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Believe that we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen**

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Jesus said, "My peace I give to you, not as others do I give this peace to you, let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Let us share the peace of Christ with one another. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Ed Lojeski

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

May your word be a light unto our path and a lamp unto our feet. May these passages that we read aloud today uplift our hearts and strengthen our spirit. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

2nd Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

3rd Lesson John 1:29-42

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"What Do You See?"

Rev. Jim Watson

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**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

Call for the Offering

Offertory

***Celebrating God's Generosity**

#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**

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#724

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Fantasia in d-moll"

Johan Pachelbel

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

Brook Seymour, 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 ~ Rev. Jim Watson; Liturgist Ashley Hostetter; Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

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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 yourselves 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.