

Beulah Presbyterian Church
January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach

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**

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

In Christ, we are gathered from the edges and woven together.

Here we feel the hint of heaven, where justice, love and mercy meet.

Here we celebrate our unity in God.

We, who were once far off, are brought near.

Let us pray:

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our hearts and our minds to your word, that hearing, we may believe, and believing trust our lives, this day and all the days that lie ahead, to your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Let Us Build a House”

#301

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting on God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. Amen.

(Silence is Observed)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace. **Amen.**

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

“God Be in My Head”
(Chancel Choir)

Walford Davies

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 epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in diverse and numerous ways. Free us from the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Psalm 27:1, 4-9

2nd Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

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

SERMON

“Welcome Home”

Rev. Nancy Troy

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

#721

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

As we offer our tithes and offerings today, may we channel our inner Simon, Andrew, James and John! Imagine the joy in heaven as we, too, accept the call to “follow.”

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**

O God, through offering these gifts, may we become a more open people—
open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom,
open-hearted in healing a broken world,
open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. Amen.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

#410

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**God be in our heads and in our understanding.
God be in our eyes and in our seeing.
God be in our mouths and in our speaking.
God be in our hearts and in our thinking.
God be at our end and in our departing.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare for a New Year”

David Paxton

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.

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.

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Assisting in worship ~ Rev. Nancy Troy; Liturgist Barbara Harris; Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

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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