

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 10, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Ballad”

Edvard Grieg

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

One Great Hour of Sharing

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.**

***Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#307

CALL TO CONFESSION

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God's healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care.

Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ you 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

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”
(*Chancel Choir*)

Craig Courtney

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

2nd Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

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

SERMON

“Grace, Generosity, and Good Works”

Terry Hargrave

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Amazing Grace”

#649

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

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings.

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**

Gracious God, from the overflowing of your love, we have been given abundance upon abundance. Receive, we pray, our offerings and bless them. May we be blessed by their work, as we see your reign among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

#700

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

Go into the world sure of the goodness of God. Remember the promises that God has kept. Be mindful of the ways that God has provided. Keep your eyes on the cross of Jesus Christ, and the new life that is offered to us all, and may the grace, mercy, and communion of our God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless you and those you love, both this day and every day hereafter. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Tune”

Jean-Joseph Mouret

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

*Susan Rock, Jim & Terri Watson, Alice Braasch, Ron Vaughn, Beth Biller,
Suzi Criscoe, Bill Anderson, Verna Williams, Rev. Don Seeger, Jake Mohn, 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 are interested in becoming a member or you have any questions about membership, see Pastor Bill or one of the Greeters, 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 ~ Terry Hargrave Retired Christian Educator of the PC(USA); 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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