

# BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Andante Religioso”

Felix Mendelssohn

#### 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.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER

Here, we prepare ourselves for the week that is holy,  
yet filled with unholy acts, words, thoughts.

**In this week of journey, people lose their way;  
in this week of betrayal, others find hope hidden in their hearts.**

We will try to follow Jesus in the days to come,  
sustained by the Word of grace and life.

**Joining the children, we wave palm branches with joy,  
while keeping nails ready if we need them.**

The One who set aside glory, comes in humility;  
the One who offers life, will challenge death itself.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who opens the heart of God to us.**

Let us pray:

**God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks,  
help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and  
dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

(Silence is observed.)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope. Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance.  
Walking to Calvary, he leads us to new life. All this was for us - so we could bend our  
knees before God in humility and praise. God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.**

## **\*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**

“Hosanna to Our King!”  
*(Chancel Choir)*

Lloyd Larson

## **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**

Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the  
Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us  
today. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Mark 11:1-11

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

**SERMON**

“If We Continue.....”

Pastor Bill Owens

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language)**

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.**

**\*Hymn**

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

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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**

**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**

As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

**GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymn**

“A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd”

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**\*CHARGE and BLESSING**

As we enter this Holy Week, may we have the courage and the faith to wait and to walk, to listen and to pray, to plan and to be surprised by the plan of the Lord that leads to life. And as we go to invite others to join us in this most sacred way, may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit draw near to us and carry us this day and each day to come. **Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Psalm XX”

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*

*Susan Rock, Jim & Terri Watson, Ron Vaughn, 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](mailto:carol@beulahpres.org).

**Learn more** by visiting us on our website at [www.beulahpres.org](http://www.beulahpres.org), and on our Facebook page at Beulah Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting in worship** ~ Pastor Bill Owens; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Liturgist Bill Kyle; Chancel Choir; and Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

**Virtual Ministry** ~ Please follow us on our Website [www.beulahpres.org](http://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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