

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2026 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

“Greatness in the Bible”

Communion Sunday

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

“Now We Pray to The Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude

GREETING & WELCOME

Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal

Dear friends, today we are going to analyze the meaning of Greatness. This concept could be applied to objects, places, areas, or individuals. In the case of individuals, the concept is applied to those who possess a natural ability to be better than all others. But the Bible offers a different explanation about greatness. Matthew 23:11, says...

“The greatest among you will be your servant.”

By looking at Scripture, we can discover a more fulfilling path to greatness. That path guides our actions and choices. Colossians 3:23 says,

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

The Bible also teaches that obedience to God’s Word brings true greatness. According to the Bible, greatness is to live out God’s laws and inspire others to do the same. Matthew 5:19, says,

“Whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

*HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 121*) ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—

he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not harm you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

***OPENING PRAYER** ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

Caring God, we turn to you this day, filled with gratitude for the ways you stand with us. As we move further into this season of Lent, may we tune our hearts to sing your praise, and focus our hearts to honor you with our words and with our actions. Accept our worship this day as one way we seek to live out our decision to be followers of Jesus, your Beloved Son. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble. Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us away from a right relationship with God and with one another...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

#510

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal

Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God. We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand. Let us lift our voices together in thanks and praise because... "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Dear friends, know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE** ~ *(Please stand in body or in spirit)* ~ Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal

The peace of God be with you.

And also, with you.

Please take a moment to share that peace with one another while we sing Glory to God.

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

ANTHEM

“In Holy Reverence, Lord, We Come”
(Chancel Choir)

Lloyd Larson

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

*(Children are invited to participate in activities at the Prayground area
in the back of the sanctuary.)*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE ~ Mark 10:42-45 ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

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

SERMON

“How to be a great character?”

Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal

THE APOSTLES’ CREED ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

***HYMN**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#525

THE LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION ~ Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal ~ Elders: Steve Sexton, Brent Dellacoletta, and Pam Wessel

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **Cong: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator... Therefore, we praise you... with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Cong: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Power and Might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Pastor: You are Holy, O God of Majesty... Great is the mystery of our faith.

Cong: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD ~ Participation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ~ Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO COLLECT THE OFFERINGS ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton

God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

Collection of the Offerings

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION ~ Liturgist Steve Sexton**

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. **Amen.**

SENDING

***HYMN**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor Rev. Jose Luis Casal

***POSTLUDE**

“Toccata”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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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

*Lorna Pierce, Sue Kyle, Evelyn Vaughn, Laura Mills, Mary Hockenberry, Tim Lovett, Bill Rush,
Bill Anderson, Cecelia Casal, Edie McCaulley, Marlene & Bob LeBlond, Verna Williams,
Melanie Magruder, and all Service Personnel and their families.
All those who are Care Givers, and all those affected by tragic world events.*

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, please speak with Pastor Casal on Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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 Rev. Jose Luis Casal; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Liturgist Steve Sexton; The 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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