

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Priere Op. 20”

Cesar Franck

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**

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#268

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are” (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. **Alleluia! 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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
(Bell Choir)

arr. Sandra Eithum

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

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ’s name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Acts 3:12-19

2nd Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

3rd Lesson Luke 24:36b-48

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

SERMON

“It’s Touching Time”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Constitutional Questions of Elders to be Installed

Questions of the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Pam Wessel, Brook Seymour, Brent Dellacoletta, Shirley Herbert, and C.W. Seymour as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

***Prayer of Installation**

***Declaration of Installation**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

#629

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 #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

“Go to the World!”

#295

***CHARGE** (Teresa of Avila) **and BLESSING**

As you go out from this place, remember that “Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body... Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Together we are the resurrected body of Christ in the world.

And wherever we go, however we live into that call,
the risen Christ will be with us, God's love will surround us,
and the Spirit will breathe new life into our weary souls. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare”

Jacques Lemmens

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.

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 Bill Owens; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Liturgist Lori Witherspoon; Bell 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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