

BEULAH PRESBTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”

Johannes Brahms

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 Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Even though we walk through dark valleys,

even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy;

we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

Let us pray: **We are your people, O God - the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

#624

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.

Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

We are a new creation,

ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.
This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we 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

“Praise to the Lord”
(*Chancel Choir*)

Melody Bober

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

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Acts 4:5-12

2nd Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

3rd Lesson John 10:11-18

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

SERMON

“Jesus, and ‘the other sheep’”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from a Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***Hymn**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#187

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

As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay down our prejudices towards others, so they might find a welcome in our hearts; may we set aside our fears of the future, so you might lead us into your future, may we become the goodness and mercy for which others have been looking all their lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

#754

*CHARGE and BLESSING

We are an Easter people! Christ is risen!

Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection and follow him as our Good Shepherd.

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life.

The grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator,

Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

“Fantasie in D Minor”

Johann Pachelbel

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

Ron Vaughn, Suzi Criscoe, Bill Anderson, Jim & Terry Watson,

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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*Sympathy to the family of Doug Jones, Beulah's former Music Director,
who died on April 16, in Greensboro, NC.*

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 Pam Wessel; 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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