

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Pastorale”

Douglas Wagner

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**

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.

The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.

We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together!

Let us pray:

How can this be, wonder-working God? You bring the gift of the Spirit to be with us.

Our Comforter, our Advocate. Our Counselor, our Wisdom. These are but a few of the names we give as the Spirit speaks to our hearts. We give you thanks for the unending gifts of the Spirit. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

#289

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word.

Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit; in every word we speak, there is the Spirit; in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit; in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”
(*Chancel Choir*)

Gilbert M. Martin

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children are invited to participate in activities of the Prayground area
in front of the pulpit for the remainder of the service.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people,
come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance
of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

2nd Lesson Acts 2:1-12

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

SERMON

“What’s in Your Tank?”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Nicene Creed*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

#279

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**

These gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. So, move over them, filling them with muscles, and sinews, and breaths of our lives, so they might become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn**

“Let Us Build a House”

#301

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

Be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who rose from the dead,
who sits at the right hand of God in glory,
and who sends the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name.
May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace,
may the love of Christ, God’s son, sustain you in joy,
and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage,
on this Pentecost Sunday and the days to come. Bless the Lord!
Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

“EVANGEL”

arr. Marilyn Thompson

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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
Sherry Gertz, Chuck Clark, Brook Seymour, 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.

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 Steve Sexton; 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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