

Beulah Presbyterian Church
May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

GREETINGS and WELCOME

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 PRAYER**

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Let us pray, responsively:

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.

Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.

**Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silence is observed)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

Thanks – and all praise, glory, and honor – be to God. Amen.

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another.

May we be at peace to serve the Lord, and may we always be known by our love.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Revelation 21:1-6

2nd Lesson John 13:31-35

SERMON

“A New Commandment: Tough Love”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

Offertory

*Celebrating God's Generosity

*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.*

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#754

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.
May God who has made you a new creation
give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice.
Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

*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

Bill Kyle, Lorna Pierce, Jack Donta, Joy Brands, Joel Tackett, Donna Hagerthey, Holly Knott
All those who are Care Givers, all those affected by tragic world events and
Jake Mohn, Dylan Brooks, Jeffrey Schmidt, and all Service Personnel and their families.

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 have any questions about membership, please 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; Liturgist Brent Dellacoletta; Accompanist Susan Krause; 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 yourselves 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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