

# BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 9, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE**

“He Leadeth Me”

arr. Greg Howlett

### **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**

On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God.

**We come, trusting God will speak to us;**

**we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

On this day, like every other day,

we seek to follow Jesus:

**We follow, believing Jesus will be with us;**

**we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

**We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;**

**we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

Let us pray: **God of days, we praise your name, for your grace sustains us. We wait for you, Lord, for your word strengthens us. Our outer nature is wasting away day by day, but our inner nature is being renewed by your daily bread. Grant us the eye to see what cannot be seen and to gaze on what is eternal. May we revel in your work and be a visible witness of your invisible kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

“We Praise You, O God”

#612

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(Silence is observed.)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy,

God seeks us out. This is good news!

**This is indeed good news for us. No longer do we need to wait, but can rush into God's gracious embrace, knowing that God will walk with us even when we stumble, will continue to affirm us, when everyone else around us tears us down. 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**

“The Promises of God”  
*(Chancel Choir)*

arr. Lloyd Larson

## **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**

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Psalm 138

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

## **SERMON**

“Finding the Good and Giving Thanks”

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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in**

life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

#370

**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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

**GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Hymn

“When We Are Living”

#822

**\*CHARGE and BLESSING**

Let us go from this place trusting  
that God is with us and for us in every place.  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God,  
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you  
and abide with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

J.S. Bach

*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*

*Carla Wood, 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.*

*CCLI#20544224 & 20544*

**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](mailto:carol@beulahpres.org).

**Learn more** by visiting us on our website at [www.beulahpres.org](http://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; Chancel Choir; and Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

**Virtual Ministry** ~ Please follow us on our Website [www.beulahpres.org](http://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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