

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Andante”

Samuel P. Jackson

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

We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

let us gather to worship God!

Let us pray: **O God of grace and mercy, you call us to proclaim your healing and faithfully fulfill your kingdom mission. Let us not count the cost of our wins and losses, but keep our eyes fixed on you as we seek your realm of peace. Amen.**

*Hymn

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises. Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We open our lips and confess our hearts.

God hears our words and makes us new,

sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

We hear the good news, we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. 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.**

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

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day,
then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

2nd Lesson Mark 6:1-13

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

SERMON

“Our Founding Moment”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We believe when Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When Jesus acted, he acted with God's power. Jesus amazed people with his deeds of power, but he was also gentle and loving. Even now, he cares for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for sheep. Jesus also called his disciples to follow him. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to always trust in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life. We live our lives in gratitude for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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“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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

As we have heard, so we have seen God's compassion in our lives. As we have seen, so we will live, offering our gifts to God, so others might know God's steadfast love is present with them in every moment. Use our offerings and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn**

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

#747

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

May you each go out with nothing but words of grace and healing,
relying on Jesus Christ, who always gives us what we need.

May the love of God, the power of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you and dwell richly in you forever. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare for the Common Man”

Aaron Copland

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

*Mary Hockenberry, Carla Wood, Sherry Gertz, Chuck Clark, 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; and Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

Virtual Ministry ~ Please follow us on our Website www.beulahpres.org, Facebook, [Instagram@beulah_pres](https://www.instagram.com/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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