

Beulah Presbyterian Church
July 24, 2022
7th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

GREETINGS, 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**

O Lord, my God,

you have drawn me up,

you have healed me.

You have turned my mourning into dancing,

you have taken off my sackcloth,

you have clothed me with joy.

May my soul praise you and not be silent.

I will give thanks to you forever!

Together, let us pray:

O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends. Join me as we pray, saying,

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)

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING 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

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

1st Lesson Psalm 30

2nd Lesson John 20:1-18

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Joy Comes in the Morning”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and

joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn

"Be Still, My Soul"

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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

Call for the Offering

With gratitude for God's faithfulness
and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offertory

***Celebrating God's Generosity**

Doxology

*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 you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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***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**

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
Alex Sinclair, Jason Kline, Vernon Stout, Lorna Pierce,
Joy Brands, Joel Tackett, Donna Hagerthey
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 Lori Witherspoon; 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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