

Beulah Presbyterian Church
July 31, 2022
8th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Nimrod”

Edward Elgar

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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Red Cross Blood Drive – Alice Braasch

***CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER**

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:

we are both low and high; we are rich and poor together;

Listening for wisdom, longing for understanding,

we incline our ears to hear God's wisdom in our gathering.

Let us pray:

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match. You pour out mercy and cover us with love. You show us true justice and offer us peace. You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you. In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance. Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

#104

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that we have fallen short of God's ideal for our lives.

Let us confess our sin to God now, trusting in God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Creator, forgive us when we focus on earthly accumulation rather than on spiritual faithfulness. Forgive us when we are overcome by greed and neglect the needs of those around us. Forgive us when we turn inward and shirk the responsibilities of community. We seek renewal and new life in you. Amen.

(Silence is Observed)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven and God has given us new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***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 Prayground area
in front of the pulpit for the remainder of the service.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, we thank you for your Word given to us in the written words of Scripture and for your living Word Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, open us to receive your word and to be transformed by it. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Colossians 3:1-11
2nd Lesson Luke 12:13-21

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

SERMON

“This Very Day”

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.

***Hymn**

“Our Hope, Our Life”

#847

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

We share from our abundance so that we might be rich toward God.
Let us offer our gifts in worship.

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

Receive these, our gifts, O Lord, and use them to bring
good news to those in need of hope and renewal. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#716

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go into the world, knowing that you are rich in God's eyes,
and you have been given new life in Jesus Christ.
May that good news transform you.
May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you
this day and every day. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Menuett"

G.F. Handel

Go in Peace

*A special word of thanks to all those who helped make this worship service possible.
It is good to be together!*

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Remember in Prayer

Alex Sinclair, 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 Pam Wessel; Accompanist Kim Karchenes; 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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