

Beulah Presbyterian Church
September 11, 2022
14th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Settled in the Peace of God"

Lani Smith

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**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

was blind, but now I see.

Let us pray:

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us.

Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

"God of the Sparrow"

#22

CALL TO CONFESSION

We often get lost, wandering off the path of faith.

Through this time of confession, let us redirect ourselves and return to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we turn from you and frequently lose our way. We get ourselves so turned around by temptations that seduce and steal our hearts. We excuse our mistakes and missteps with arguments that just don't add up. Forgive us. Find us. Restore us as your people. Amen.

(Silence is Observed)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From the Book of Common Worship)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of

Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Psalm 51:1-10

2nd Lesson Luke 15:1-10

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

SERMON

“God’s Amazing Grace”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Hymn**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

#649

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

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**

**We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found,
sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life.
Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further
Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Send us out in your service to tend
your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

"Live into Hope"

#772

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Once we were lost, but now we are found.
Thanks be to the God who searches for the lost.
Let us respond to this grace by offering it to others.
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

"Postlude in the Classic Style"

Gordon Young

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

*Sympathy to Adam Foster and family upon the death of his grandmother,
Nilda Ascencio, on September 1.*

Suzi Criscoe, Alex Sinclair, Vernon Stout, Lorna Pierce, Joy Brands, Joel Tackett

All those who are caregivers, all those affected by tragic world events and
Jake Mohn, Dylan Brooks, Jeffrey Schmidt, William Bland, 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; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

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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.

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