

Beulah Presbyterian Church
September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Peace and Global Witness Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER** (Based on Luke 16:1-13)

Jesus reminds us today that,

“You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Open us to your truth, Lord.

Open our hearts to honesty.

Let us enter worship humbly,

ready to realign our faith according to God's Word.

Let us pray: **Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“To God Be the Glory”

#634

CALL TO CONFESSION (Nehemiah 9:17)

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to forgive our debtors. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Grant us a season of jubilee. Reorder our communities so that all may contribute, and all may thrive. Amen.

(Silence is observed)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God lightens the load of those overly burdened,
supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down.

Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers.

Know the new life Christ has given us. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness”

Samuel Wesley

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 (From Psalm 19:14)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the
message you intend for us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Psalm 113

2nd Lesson Luke 16:1-13

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

SERMON

“A Story Worth Repeating”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**

“This Is My Song”

#340

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 (Acts 20:35)

Remember that Jesus said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

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**

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

"Take My Life"

#697

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May we leave this house of worship strengthened by the Spirit,
renewed by God's grace and supported by the Body of Christ.
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

"Toccata"

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

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 Kyle Dreher; Music Director/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.