

# BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 22, 2024

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“The Sanctuary of Prayer”

Steven Scott

### 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

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

**We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the first fruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

**Who created in love.**

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

**Who reconciles all of Creation.**

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

**Who inspires new life and instills hope. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“As the Deer”

#626

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, the whole world is full of your glory. We bring the anguish of Creation in this time of the climate crisis to you. Lord have mercy.**

**Jesus Christ, you have walked the Earth and lived in our midst. Make us sensitive to the suffering of humankind and the entire creation. Strengthen us in our endeavors to create a life of dignity, in justice and solidarity with those who live and will live. Christ have mercy.**

**Holy Spirit, power of courage and self-control, you speak to our consciences. Comfort us when we suffer and are plagued by anxiety. Make us worry when we are numb in the calmness of complacency. Re-create us to become what we are: one humanity and one**

**Creation under the same sky. Creator, Redeemer, Spirit of all, have mercy upon us.  
Amen.**

(Silence is observed.)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins, even those against Earth and all creation.

**May Christ teach us to love all people, Earth as our home and the planet as a  
precious sanctuary.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

Let us strive to live peaceably with all and share a sign of peace with one another. The peace  
of God be with you. **And also with you.**

### **ANTHEM**

“Grace”  
(Chancel Choir)

Carolyn Hamlin

## **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**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are  
read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Micah 7:1-4, 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Romans: 8:18-25

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

### **SERMON**

“Hope for Creation”

Terry Hargrave

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

**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!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

"The Earth is the Lord's"

*See words below*

(TUNE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

*"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."*

*Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.*

*By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,*

*We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.*

*Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.*

*Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.*

*Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.*

*You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.*

*Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.*

*We fail to remember its beauty and worth.*

*We take from creation much more than we need,*

*We threaten your world through indifference and greed.*

*May we be good stewards of all that you give,*

*Protecting creation wherever we live.*

*May we be a church that renews and restores*

*And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.*

#### **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.**

#### **OFFERING**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Celebrating God's Generosity**

Hymn #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Creator God, we give you thanks for the many blessings of your Creation. We offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

#765

**\*CHARGE and BLESSING**

Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth by caring for creation.

**We will care for creation! We will nurture our planet! We will celebrate life!**

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the pulsing of Christ within you. Go in peace! Serving the Triune God and loving Earth!

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Grand Choeur”

Theodore Dubois

*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*

*Donna Stout, Melinda Oberst, Bill Rush, Judy Noe, Evelyn Vaughn, Mary Hockenberry, Chuck Clark, Suzi Criscoe, Bill Anderson, Verna Williams, 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](mailto:carol@beulahpres.org).

**Learn more** by visiting us on our website at [www.beulahpres.org](http://www.beulahpres.org), and on our Facebook page at Beulah Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting in worship** ~ Terry Hargrave Retired Christian Educator of the PC(USA); Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Chancel Choir; Liturgist Kyle Dreher; Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta and Jim Harris.

**Virtual Ministry** ~ Please follow us on our Website [www.beulahpres.org](http://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 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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