

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Today is Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers. One such prayer, a prayer of John Calvin's, is listed in the bulletin announcements, and is commended to you as a personal prayer of preparation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Thank Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Let us worship the living God!

Let us pray:

Enduring God, we claim that we are always being reformed, but when it's our turn to change, we are so often afraid. Even amidst our growing pains, enliven our hearts to recognize your grace. Even amidst the ever-shifting ways of the world, open our minds to what might be. Remind us that we live and move and have our being in you, and call the church to proclaim your good news for ages to come. Amen.

***Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#275

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(a prayer by Martin Luther)*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(a prayer by John Calvin)*

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness.

Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*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.**

ANTHEM

“Live a Life So Free”

Alfred J. Buchanan, III

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 *(a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)*

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-9

2nd Lesson Psalm 126

3rd Lesson Mark 10:46-52

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

SERMON

“Seeing Resurrection”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#451

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (adapted from prayers by John Knox)

“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** (*a prayer by Martin Luther*)

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

#543

***CHARGE and BLESSING** (*Numbers 6:24–26, as used in John Calvin's Strasbourg Liturgy*)

As you go from here, walk in the way of the Lord:

with thanksgiving, with gladness, with insight.

Go in peace and walk humbly in the world.

The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance, and give you peace. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Toccatà BuxWV 157”

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!*

Remember in Prayer

*Norm Holmes, Melanie Magruder, 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.

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; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Chancel Choir: Liturgist Barb Harris; 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 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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