

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 2024

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Susan Henry

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**

What brings us together in this place?

**To worship Christ, who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood
and who made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.**

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.**

Let's prepare our hearts and minds to worship Jesus Christ, our king.

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, Jesus taught that true power is made known in service: we are to love you,
our neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of peace. Give us the will to do this
work and the grace that we may accomplish it; with you, in Christ, and through the
Holy Spirit, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#39

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, however much we call you king, we fail to follow your call to us. We succumb to
the political temptations of this temporary world, seeking power and security while you
call us to service and hospitality, consuming your creation while you call us to care for it,
hating our neighbors, who you call us to love. In our failure to claim you, we identify
more with the nations on our passports than with your kingdom. We pray that you
reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and
our hope for salvation.**

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON and *THE PEACE

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ loves us and has set us free from our sins.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the certainty of God's decree,
know that we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins.

We can now live in peace!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

“As We Come Together”

Stan Pethel

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

Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Revelation 1:4b-8

2nd Lesson Psalm 93

3rd Lesson John 18:33-37

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

SERMON

“Life-changing Questions”

Pastor Bill Owens

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(excerpts from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

***Hymn**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#643

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

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Offertory

“Take My Life”

#697

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

We yield ourselves to you: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, your sovereign call. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing. Amen.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn**

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

#644

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

God has made us to be a kingdom of priests
to love God and serve the world.

Go in peace to love and serve.

May the blessing of God,
the One who creates, redeems, and restores,
be with you now and always. **Alleluia! Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“For the Fruit of All Creation Medley”

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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

*Bill Kyle, Norm Holmes, Melanie Magruder, Evelyn Vaughn,
Mary Hockenberry, Chuck Clark, Bill Anderson, Verna Williams,
Jake Mohn, Jeffrey Schmidt,
and all Service Personnel and their families.*

All those who are Caregivers, 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 Sue Kyle; 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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