

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. by Franklin Ritter

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**

God hears the cry of the needy, and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;

While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, God came to us

lived among us

died our death

and rose to lead us into life.

And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love, our thanksgiving and praise.

For God is worthy. Praise to our God.

Let us pray:

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

#410

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

(Silence is observed.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, here the good news of the gospel – God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own.
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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Spirit Song”
(Bill and Sue Kyle, duet)

John Wimber

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Nancy Troy

“Oh God, the sea is so great and my boat is so small”
*(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

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scriptures we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. **Amen.**
Friends, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

SCRIPTURE

1st Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21 (The Inclusive New Testament)

2nd Lesson John 6:1-21

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

SERMON

“Let’s Talk About Those Disciples”

Rev. Nancy Troy

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!”

***Hymn**

“I Will Come to You”

#177

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 #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

In our hands, the gifts seem so paltry, but in yours, they can bring plentitude of grace to those who are so hungry for hope. In our hearts, we wonder how effective our ministries might be, but joined with yours, we can indeed bring healing, community, peace and joy to our struggling communities. Bless us and our gifts, multiply our hopes and our efforts, that your wonders might come into the world around us. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn

“When Peace like a River”

#840

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Let us go now, foolish enough to believe in God.

We will see God in everyone we meet.

Let us go now, foolish enough to follow Jesus.

We will share grace with those who need it the most.

Let us go now, foolish enough to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

We will serve with the Spirit in calming the fears of the world. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

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!

Remember in Prayer

*Evelyn Vaughn, Mary Hockenberry, Carla Wood, Sherry Gertz, Chuck Clark, Suzi Criscoe,
Bill Anderson, Verna Williams, Rev. Don Seeger, 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 ~ Rev. Nancy Troy; Music Director/Accompanist Kim Karchenes; Liturgist Bill Kyle; and 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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