

Beulah Presbyterian Church

July 11, 2021

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 ~ Rev. Oliver Hofmann; Liturgist Lori Witherspoon; Accompanist Jeanette Westerfield; Sound Crew, Brent Dellacoletta, Jim Harris, John Keith, and Allyn Ryan.

Virtual Ministry ~ Please follow us on our Website www.beulahpres.org, Facebook, [Instagram@beulah_pres](https://www.instagram.com/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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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" Arr. by John Innes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas; and established it on the rivers.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Unison: Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #93

CALL TO CONFESSION

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Therefore, let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up. Let's join together in the Prayer of Confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, God, we read accounts of injustice in the Bible. We tend to read them as history. Open our eyes and ears to your teaching. We too easily wait for others to respond to sin. Remind us of your calling for us to be people of love, fairness, justice and compassion in our time, in this part of your world. In Jesus we see the way to live; yet many times we do not follow the way of His moral compass. Forgive us - and guide us - to respond to evil with the courage of justice. When we are taught to let fear guide our actions, help us be Christ's citizens of courageous compassion. Help us share your gospel. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News! We are children of God. God's Spirit is always with us, forgiving wrongs and refining good intentions. Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

***ACT OF PRAISE** (*Hymn #305 - Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! Verse 3*)
*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!*
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

PASSING THE PEACE

Christ gives us peace in abundance and calls us to share that gift. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Oliver Hofmann

WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

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

SERMON

“Let Your Dance Be for Life”

Rev. Oliver Hofmann

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**

“I Danced in the Morning”

#157

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.

SENDING

***HYMN**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

#494

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

AUGUSTINE

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
Sympathy to Beth, Anna, Emmalee and Trey upon the death of Dan Biller, husband and father, on July 5.
Ray Sherley, Barbara Harris, Donna Hagerthey, Ann Shepherd, Micki Rader,
Lorna Pierce, Bobbie Lombard, Vernon Stout, John Rader, Claudia Zoll
All those who are Care Givers
Dylan Brooks, Jeffrey Schmidt, and All Service Personnel and their families

Following guidelines of the CDC we ask if you are not vaccinated, you:

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Limit visitation to outside the church building following worship

Please give Rev. Oliver Hofmann a big Beulah welcome this morning.

Rev. Oliver Hofmann graduated from LPTS in 1978. He served as development director for non-profits and church pastor. He last served at FPC Glasgow, KY for 10 years. He and wife, Jan, count 20 different addresses they called home. They now live in Middletown.