



Beulah Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024, 9 a.m.

Ordinary Time

Traditional Worship

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Bill Larson
Joseph Barnby, arr. Brian Henkelmann

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

With Glad, Exuberant Carolings

The Sanctuary Choir
Thomas Troeger/Carol Doran

***Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 123

Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.

We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.

Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.

We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.

Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you.

We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.

Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Hymn no. 408

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, We call you Lord,
yet it is too easy for us to worship other things,
other activities, other relationships, other gods, our own selves.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,
when our hearts are led astray,
when we serve other gods and worship them.

We turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jesus,
to take up our cross and follow you, and share that grace with everyone
openly.

We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***The Peace of Christ**

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn no. 579

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 123

Bible, page 498 (NRSV)

Anthem

O Holy Father, Infinite in Mercy

The Sanctuary Choir
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

O holy Father, infinite in mercy,
Keep us in thy mighty love,
Defend us lest we fall,
For thou art our strength and our eternal hope.

New Testament Lesson

John 7:53-8:12

Bible, page 870 (NRSV)

Wondering with the Word

Sermon

“Heart of Compassion”

Alex Ruzanic

***Hymn**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Hymn no. 347

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God,
the giver of all life,
and in Jesus Christ,
the light of world, who was broken for us,
and in the Holy Spirit,
God's nourishing power in everything.

I believe that Christ is to be in us,
so that we may offer the light to the world
to transform every heart to know Jesus.

I believe it is in Christ that I share my love to the world around me,
so that the world may know Jesus and the grace of God.

I trust in Jesus to give me the strength and fortitude to bring
Heaven to earth. Amen

Welcoming New Members

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

Bill Larson

William B. Bradbury, arr. Richard W. Gieske

***Doxology**

Hymn no. 592

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Hymn no. 419

Verses 1-3

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

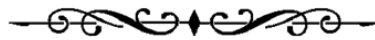
Verse 4

Hymn no. 419

Postlude

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Bill Larson
LASST UNS ERFREUEN,
arr. Ralph C. Schultz



Worshipping with Children



Children age 4 through 5th grade will be invited to the Library following the scripture reading to engage in a biblical Knowing Place Story.

There is a playmat at the back of the sanctuary with children's activities available during the service.

Pray and Encourage One Another

Prayer is an expression of our dependence upon God and our interdependence on one another.

Please remember these specific people this week and consider sending an encouraging note or card.

Submit prayer requests to prayerchain@beulahpresby.org



Prayer Families

Leanne and Chris Longwill
800 Beulah Road
Turtle Creek, PA 15145-1114

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Today at Beulah

Join us after worship today for Discovery Hour classes for all ages at 10:15 am!
Adults - Fellowship Hall; Teens - 102; Children & Toddlers - 108

Stay in Touch with Beulah!

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

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www.BeulahPresby.org

Weekly Email Newsletter

Check out our weekly email newsletter! Email sjohnson@beulahpresby.org to be added to our email list!



World Communion Sunday



Next Sunday, October 6 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with a combined service at 10 a.m. Join us as we all worship together!



Congregational Meeting!

Session has called a brief congregational meeting for October 6, following the combined service for the purpose of electing officers of the church for 2025. Leadership and Nominating has nominated the following people to serve:

Elders

Ken Schreiber (2 year term)
Hal Williams
Susan Kinchelow
Tom Caulfield
Phyllis Rinsma
Eric Waterhouse

Deacons

Beverly Freyer (2 year term)
Diane Degelman (1 year term)
Gail Woomer
Donna Kunkle
Jeremy Bosse
Scott Whitney

L&N

Ray Staub
Jill Daly

Auditor

Tim Bosse



Calling All Chefs!

We need volunteers to make soup for the Pancake Breakfast and Soup Sale on October 26! You can sign up at the table in the Narthex between services. We will provide the containers and labels.



Family Night is Back!



Family Night is back! Join us on October 9 for dinner at 5:30, and then stick around for the fun! Both the Contemporary Band and Choirs are holding practices. There is programming for children with Joshua, and youth with Alex. Jason will be finishing up his Mark study, and we're so excited to welcome John Creasy to lead a session with the Wild Indigo Guild. There's something for everyone! Remember to sign up for dinner in the narthex, so that we make enough food for everybody! If you have any questions, please e-mail Pastor J!



Family Night: Wild Indigo

Join John Creasy and Evan Clendenin on a journey that will help you connect with God through the natural world and find communal actions to bear witness to Jesus through our communally owned land. We'll gather on Family Night for eight weeks for our new Wild Indigo Guild program. You can learn all about it on our website, www.wild-indigo-guild.com.



Pancake Breakfast and Soup Sale



Deacon's 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Soup Sale
Saturday, October 26 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased in the Narthex between services on Sundays September 29, October 6, and 13. The cost is \$7.00/adult, \$3.00/children 5-12, and children 4 and under are free.

If you would like to help, sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex for volunteers and soup makers. For more information, please contact Wendy Edwards at cyledwards6875@gmail.com, Jeanne Siciliano at J183s@comcast.net, Mary Kapral at Mary.Kapral@hotmail.com, or Patty Gionta at pattyg@0608@live.com.

Munchin' Returns!



Mission and Outreach Support Team (MOST) is bringing back Munchin' again this year. We are starting by celebrating Beulah's birthday! Ruth Ann Ritter will share with us some of the rich history of our church. We may even have a birthday cake, though we certainly can't fit the more than 200 candles we would need on one cake!

Sign up, bring a friend and join us as we fellowship and celebrate our history. We will meet in MGB Fellowship Hall on Wednesday October 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hope to see you there!



Coming Soon: Beulah Moms' Small Group!

Starting Sunday, October 13, during the Sunday school hour, spend time with other moms in a space just for you! We will meet in the Fireside Room to talk about mom life, dive into scripture, and encourage and pray for each other. Motherhood isn't for the faint of heart, but when you're here, you're among friends!



World Mission Initiative Conference



Mission and Outreach Support Team (MOST) would like to share an excellent opportunity for you to learn about mission work globally. Continuing education at Pittsburgh Theological seminary is holding a World Mission Initiative conference Friday and Saturday October 11&12.

Mission in the Margins: Lessons and practices from the global church, with speaker Dr. Harvey Kwiyani, a Malawian theologian, will highlight the paradigm shift in God's mission work and how we can learn from our siblings in Christ on the other side of the world.

For more information and to register to attend in person or online visit www.pts.edu/WMI-conference-2024 or call Tim and Ramona Bosse 412-915-3456.

This Week at Beulah

Monday, September 30

3:00 pm East End Youth Min. After School - 102

Tuesday, October 1

10:30 am Staff Meeting - 206

3:00 pm East End Youth Min. After School - 102

Wednesday, October 2

1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - 109A

1:00 pm Midweek Bible Study - Fireside

3:00 pm East End Youth Min. After School - 102

7:30 pm Men's Group - 102

Thursday, October 3

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Fireside

1:00 pm Chancel Bells - 109A

2:00 pm Embellishments - 109A

6:30 pm Evensong - Zoom

Sunday, October 6

10:00 am Combined Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 am Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

11:30 am Hospitality and Fellowship - MGB

6:30 pm Youth Praise Band - 104



Unwanted bulletins return

Unwanted bulletins may be returned via the basket near the sanctuary doors for recycling.

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New Member Bios

Erika Geminetti

Hello! My name is Erika Geminetti. I live in Penn Hills with my husband and three kids, Wilhelmina (8), Rocky, and Hilda (5.) I proofread for a living, and in my free time I enjoy reading, writing, hiking, singing, and any craft involving yarn. My favorite food is the artichoke; if you have only tried it as part of a dip, please contact me so I can bring you a steamed artichoke with drawn butter and teach you how to eat it. I also adore reading aloud, so if you would like me to come read to you, please let me know. I look forward to getting to know everyone at Beulah!

Cherise Collins

My name is Cece (Cherise) Collins. I work as a supervisor of a data management team at an energy retailer. I also worked at a PR firm and still like to plan/help with events when time permits. I enjoy traveling, cooking ... and eating. I love spending time with my son, Christian, and family. Galatians 5:22-23 is one of my favorite Bible verses. I am really excited to get more involved at Beulah.

Cynthia Tejevbo

Hi, my name is Cynthia Oghenerume Tejevbo. I am from Delta State in Nigeria and I am a retired high school principal. I come from a family of six siblings and I am the fifth among them. I will be turning 62 on October 25, 2024. In my free time I enjoy traveling, reading, and watching movies. I feel at home in Beulah since I started worshipping at Beulah.

Joshua and Erin Brim-Simpson

Joshua and Erin Brim-Simpson have been married for almost ten years, and have been blessed with four amazing children: Eilis (7), Eliel (5), Noah (4), and Ellanorah (2). They both grew up in this area and met while teaching together. They are thrilled to attend church in their community. The welcome here has been very special. They are looking forward to serving and worshipping with Beulah.

Joy Hardy