

Beulah Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022
Traditional Worship 9 a.m.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Prelude

Lead Me, Guide Me

Bill Larson
Doris M. Akers, arr. J. M. Michel

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Hancock

Minute for Mission - Malawi Partnership

Introit

Let All Things Now Living

The Sanctuary Choir
Welsh folk melody

*Call to Worship (Psalm 96:1-2)

Ann Turnock

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

*Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Ilya Miskis and Alex Ruzanic, African drums
Hymn no. 466

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace of Christ

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn No. 579

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Bible, page 578 (NRSV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146

Bible, page 507 (NRSV)

Anthem

We Walk by Faith
We walk by faith, and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er
spoke,
but we believe Him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

We walk by faith and not by sight,
Led by God's pure and holy light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
And may we know your power and
might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near,

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

Bible, page 819 (NRSV)

Sermon

"Deep Faith"

Pastor Hancock

*Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn No. 383

The Sanctuary Choir
Lloyd Larson

and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

We walk by faith and not by sight,
Led by God's pure and holy light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
And may we know your power and
might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.

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***Affirmation of Faith**

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 life everlasting. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Bill Larson
Jeffrey Blersch

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Sending Hymn**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
Verses 1-4

Hymn no. 426

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
Verse 5

Hymn no. 426

Postlude

Toccata Giocosa

Bill Larson
William Mathias

Worship Notes

Children's Worship activity bags are available at the center sanctuary entrance. Please return worship bags at the end of the service.

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

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

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Today at Beulah

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

10:15 am Discovery Classes for All Ages

11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 pm Congregational Meeting

Worship with Us Next Sunday

October 2, 2022

Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock

"Alleluia Anyhow"

1 Chronicles 29:1-13

Ways to Connect

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday.

Check the Bi-Weekly "News You Can Use" email newsletter and website for more details about ways to connect.

Migowi Celebration



Today, we are celebrating the 27th year of our Partnership with Migowi CCAP church in Malawi, as they dedicate their new building and facilities which have been built over the years with financial assistance from Beulah. We are displaying gifts and pictures from various trips by members of Beulah to Migowi, as well as visits by our brothers and sisters in Christ from Malawi in the Narthex today. The candlesticks and cloth covering the tables are from our partners in Malawi.

Church Office Next Week

Next week, September 26-29, the church office will be staffed by some of our wonderful office volunteers. Not all of our regular hours will be fully staffed, so if no one answers your call, please dial the extension you need (listed on the back page) or leave a message in the main voicemail. Our staff and volunteers will get back to you in a timely manner. Thank you!

Knowing Place

With each of the worship services, we will be offering our Knowing Place worship experience for children in the Beulah library while the pastor is preaching the sermon. We have a dedicated team of story tellers already scheduled for each of the services but we are asking for youth and adults to be the extra helper in the library with our story teller. If you have never done this before, Carolyn Leah will work with new helpers to train them for the task.



If you are interested in helping, please let Carolyn know which service you are willing to help with or if you are willing to help with either or both on the same Sunday. Hopefully, if we are able to have a large pool of helpers for each service, then volunteer helpers will be scheduled every 6 to 8 weeks and the work will be shared across many volunteers. This is a great way to get to know our young children too!

Worshipping with Children at Beulah

Children and families are an integral part of worshipping the Lord at Beulah! At either service, Traditional (9 a.m.) or Emergent (11:15 a.m.), we encourage children and families to engage in the music, words, and movements of the service. An activity rug is provided in the back of the sanctuary for little ones, if needed. Worship activity bags are available for children at the door to the sanctuary with drawing materials and other seasonal activities. During the sermon, we offer an interactive Bible story with wondering time in our Library near the sanctuary. This "Knowing Place" is a way for children, ages 4 – grade 5, to know God through story and response with their own developmental perspective. A childcare area for age 3 and younger is available during our 9 a.m. service if needed. We hope you find Beulah a place for your entire family to worship and praise God together!

Men's Group

Men's Group meets every Wednesday from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Join us in room 102 for healthy discussion and biblical study. We are currently walking through the book of Revelation. This has been a very meaningful and powerful study for us all. Come on out and join us!

World Communion Sunday Fellowship

Please join us on October 2, 2022 at 10:00 for a special fellowship celebrating World Communion Sunday! We will be serving a light brunch with an international twist....

Plan to stay a little longer after the Traditional Worship service, or come a little earlier for the Emergent Worship service to share fellowship and food with our Beulah family!

Fall Discovery Hour

Discovery Hour is a time between our 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services where we meet to deepen our understanding of the Bible, engage in discussion about living out our faith, and sharing in our application of these discoveries for our daily life. We encourage you to join in these chances to enrich and deepen your faith walk.

Adults of All Ages: We will be looking at an inspiring and thought provoking study "Becoming Tomorrow's Church Today"!

As Beulah Church sits on the edge of a new era of leadership, worship, study, and service – we will take a look at how our congregation can connect, enrich, empower, and sustain our ministry and impact the community and beyond. We will be meeting in MGB Fellowship Hall our leaders will begin the class promptly at 10:15. Come grab a coffee and join in the interactive dialogue prompted by short video vignettes we will dig into how our church can approach the new era with these weekly themes:

September 25 – Empowering

October 2 – Hospitality and Fellowship Hour – Class Break

October 9 – Sustaining

Youth (Grades 6 - 12): What do our faith and life have to do with each other? Dan and Libby Keibler with Alex Ruzanic will lead discussions on how we can intersect the nexus of faith and life and impact the world in great ways. We will talk about the worship service for the day, the sermon topic, and other meaningful issues happening in our world each week. So come on out and engage with us together.

Elementary (Grades 1 - 5): We will be discovering about God's promises, God's big family and the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Esau. Come discover with us how God interacted in these families and how God is still with families today! We meet between the services of worship in room 108 downstairs at 10:15 a.m. Our team of wonderful teachers will be expecting our elementary friends!

PreK and Kindergarten: We will be talking about being part of God's creation and God's family as we explore basic Old Testament Bible Stories this fall that will lead us to welcoming Jesus at Christmas. Ages 3 – 5 will be joining us upstairs in room 213 between the two worship services at 10:15 a.m.

Deacons Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, October 22, 2022

9:00 - 11:30 am

Adults: \$8.00

Children 4-11 years: \$5.00

Children under 4 years: FREE

If you would like to help, you can sign up with one of the Deacons before or after worship. Tickets go on sale October 2!

Mission Conference

Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director, World Mission Initiative, invites you to the WMI Conference October 7 and 8, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

“Missional Leadership in a Time of Disruption”, will be led by the Rev. Eugene Cho, renowned church planter and dynamic new president and CEO of **Bread for the World.**

There will be speakers and worships, all at NO charge to Beulah members.

Please contact Alex Ruzanic, Tim, or Romana Bosse if you would like to join the MOST team there. Learn more at: www.pts.edu/wmi-conference.

Deacon's Spice Drive

On June 12th Pat Hoffman, from the Saint James Food Pantry in Wilkinsburg, visited us during Discovery Hour. One of the things we learned is that very seldom are condiments and spices donated to food banks and these are items folks really appreciate receiving. In response, our deacons will be collecting these items through the end of September. So drop off your ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, herbs, and spices in the basket on the table at the main entrance before the end of the month. Thank you for being a blessing to our Wilkinsburg neighbors!



East End Youth Ministry

Do you want to impact our community with the love of God? Well, you have a great chance to do this with our young people. East End Youth Ministry is launching an afterschool program this Fall. Starting Monday, September 26 EEYM will be opening up the downstairs for an afterschool program from 3 - 6 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help be mentors and be present in our youth's lives. We are also serving snacks and dinner for these youth. If you desire to help out in any way please reach out to Alex Ruzanic and he will get you connected. Thanks.

This Week at Beulah

Monday, September 26

3:00 pm EEYM After School Pgm - 102/104

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 am Staff Meeting - Fireside

3:00 pm EEYM After School Pgm - 102/104

6:30 pm Deacons Meeting - 209

7:00 pm Session Meeting - MGB

Wednesday, September 28

12:30 pm Mid-Week Bible Study - Fireside

1:00 pm Sanctuary Choir - 109A

3:00 pm EEYM After School Pgm - 102/104

6:00 pm East End Youth Group - 102/104

6:00 pm McCrady Road - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Men's Group - 102

Thursday, September 29

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Fireside

1:00 pm Chancel Bells - 109A

2:00 pm Embellishments - 109A

6:30 pm Evensong Book Study - Zoom

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 am Discovery Classes for All Ages

11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 pm Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

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