

Beulah Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2023
Traditional Worship 9 a.m.

Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Prelude

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Bill Larson

MORNING SONG, arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O Day of Peace

The Sanctuary Choir

Hubert Parry

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and
dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our
hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of
peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small.
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord.
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship
and always.**

*Hymn of Praise

O God of Earth and Space

Hymn No. 274

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Peace of Christ

*Gloria Patri

Hymn no. 579

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 148

Bible, page 508 (NRSV)

Anthem

As We Come Together

The Sanctuary Choir
Stan Pethel

As we come together to worship Christ
the Lord,
Let us now join hand-in-hand with
hearts in one accord.
Let us lift one mighty voice and sing to
him our praise.
Let us come together and glorify his
name.

Refrain

For we are his children, surrounded by
his love.
Filled with his goodness and grace

from above,
United in his spirit, following his truth.
Let the whole world hear it, Lord, we
worship you.

Faith is strengthened as we find the
riches in his word,
Sharing burdens, sharing joys and
things we've seen and heard.
Feeling deep within our hearts the
peace that God can give.
Going forth renewed we serve our lives
we give to him. (Refrain)

Second Scripture Lesson

John 4:1-26

Bible, pages 864 - 865 (NRSV)

Wondering with the Word

Sermon

Rev. Jason Freyer

“The Mission: Worship”

***Hymn**

Come, Labor On

Hymn no. 415

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

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

Canzone

Bill Larson
Josquin des Prez

***Doxology**

Hymn no. 592

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Sending Hymn**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
(Verses 1 - 2)

Hymn no. 414

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

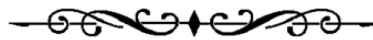
As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
(Verse 3)

Hymn no. 414

Postlude

Fanfare on an Original Theme

Bill Larson
Gilbert M. Martin



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 "Wondering with the Word" 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 Discipleship Classes for All Ages

11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary

Worship with Us Next Sunday

9 am Traditional

11:15 am Emergent

September 24, 2023

Rev. Jason Freyer
"The Mission: Disciple Making"

Ways to Connect

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

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

Discipleship Ministry

The Discipleship Ministry Team has a great Fall line-up ready to go for ALL ages! No matter where you are on your faith journey, learning together helps us to become more aware of what God has promised, what God is doing, and where God is calling us to engage. Stay after the 9 a.m. service or come early before the 11:15 a.m. service and join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings!

Adults - MGB Fellowship Hall

Dig into a study on Spiritual Practices with us in September and October!

Youth - room 102

The 6th to 12th graders are starting with the "Gospel according to Calvin and Hobbes" as well as confirmation classes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alex.

Elementary Children - room 109B

Our 1st to 5th graders will be using the "Growing in God's Love" Bible, we will be using scripture, stories, video applications, and more to dig into the Old and New Testament. We kick off our year with a "Tell Me About God" unit.

Pre-K and Kindergarten - room 215

Our young learners will be hearing stories each week from the "God Loves Me" book series and engaging in a lesson around each book. We are beginning with Creation stories in Sept.

Small Group and Committee Meetings

Are you the leader of one of our small groups or committees? Please download and fill in our building use form found on the website and email it to sjohnson@beulahpresby.org. We are going to be changing over our calendar system in the next few weeks and don't want to miss any of our groups in the change over!



If you are having trouble with the digital version, paper copies will be available in the library! Thank you!

Kid's Art Workshop

Have a child that is pre-k to 5th grade and looking to have some fun in Emergent worship? Kelly is holding a worship and arts workshop called Young at Art for the little ones after the 11:15 worship service on October 1st to make some cool art to be used in our slides during worship and to practice some group singing! Bring a brown bag lunch and stick around after worship to enjoy some fellowship and fun!



We're Hiring!



With Deb Perry's retirement, the Staff Relations Committee is commencing a search and would appreciate the congregation's assistance in spreading the word about the position. Please email churchoffice@beulahpresby.org to request the job posting. Cover letters and resumes for the position also can be sent to churchoffice@beulahpresby.org.

Beulah Nature Trail

The Beulah Nature Trail will be a network of paths through the wooded property on Beulah Presbyterian Church's campus, connecting our wooded area to the Churchill Valley Greenway.



Phase one is now complete and the trail is open! We want to continue our trail building with our next two phases and make a trail that EVERYONE from the community can use. We have opened a Go Fund Me site so that we can raise the funds for our next two phases. Please donate to help us complete the rest of the work. Even if you can't contribute, please share this fundraiser with people you know. Help us spread the word. <https://gofund.me/3676a30d> Or you can always send a check to Beulah Presbyterian Church marked "Nature Trail" in the memo line.

Sermon Notes

This Week at Beulah

Monday, September 18

5:00 pm Finance Committee - Fireside

7:00 pm Quilt Company East - MGB

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 am Staff Meeting - 206

5:00 pm McCrady Road - Sanctuary

7:00 pm Session Meeting - 209

Wednesday, September 20

1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - 109A

7:30 pm Men's Group - Garden

Thursday, September 21

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, September 24

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

10:15 am Discovery Hour

11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary

Unwanted bulletins return



A basket has been placed outside of the center doors of the sanctuary where unwanted bulletins may be returned for recycling.

Save the Date

*Ladies
Christmas
Luncheon*

Thursday
December 14

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