



# Beulah Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024, 9 a.m.

*6th Sunday of Easter*

**Traditional Worship**

## **Prelude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Embellishments

LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Bill Ingram

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Introit**

Spirit of the Living God

The Sanctuary Choir

Daniel Iverson

## **\*Call to Worship**

We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Earth and All Stars

Hymn No. 458

## **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches.**

**In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn no. 579

**Music**

Majesty

The Embellishments

Jack Hayford, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 104:24-31a

Bible, pages 483 - 484 (NRSV)

**Anthem**

Sing to the Lord a New Song

The Sanctuary Choir

Donald Busarow

Sing to the Lord a new song  
who wondrous things for us has done:  
with his right hand and his holy arm  
Has won himself the victory.

He has made known his great victory;  
His righteousness has revealed to the  
nations.  
He has remembered his mercy to Israel,  
and all the earth has seen the victory of  
our God.

Sing with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp and the  
voice of song;  
with trumpets and the sound of the  
horn.

Let oceans and rivers now clap their  
hands,  
The lands and the mountains ring out  
with joy to the Lord.  
He shall judge the world in  
righteousness  
And all the peoples with equity.

**New Testament Lesson**

John 15:1-8

Bible, page 878 (NRSV)

**Wondering with the Word**

**Sermon**

“Sacred Interconnection”

Rev. John Creasy

**\*Hymn**

O for a World

Hymn no. 386

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.**

**Christ existed in the beginning with God  
and God created everything through him.**

**Christ is the visible expression of the invisible God.  
Christ existed before creation began,  
for it was through him that everything was made,  
whether spiritual or material, seen or unseen.**

**Nothing was created except through Christ.  
The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.**

**We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,  
Lover of my soul and redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit all around and with us,  
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally to guide us.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world,  
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant  
harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, the three in one, who was and is and is to come,  
Amen.**

*Parts of this were adapted from the Lenten series Journey into Wholeness written by  
Christine Sine, New Heaven, New Earth, an Easter/Earth Day worship resource put  
out by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and parts written by Alex Ruzanic.*

**Offertory**

Pastoral Interlude

Bill Larson  
Horatio B. Parker

**\*Doxology**

Hymn no. 592

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Prayer continues*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Sending Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Verses 1-3

Hymn no. 388

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

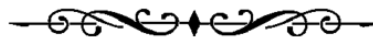
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Hymn no. 388

**Postlude**

Grand March

Bill Larson  
Samuel B. Whitney



## 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.

### Stay in Touch with Beulah!

#### Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, and  
Thursday,  
12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday

#### Visit Us Online



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www.BeulahPresby.org

#### Weekly Email Newsletter

Check out our weekly email newsletter! Email [sjohnson@beulahpresby.org](mailto:sjohnson@beulahpresby.org) to be added to our email list!

## 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](mailto:prayerchain@beulahpresby.org)



### Prayer Families

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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 - 108; Toddlers - 215

## Welcome Rev. John Creasy

Today we recognize Earth Day by welcoming our friend Rev. John Creasy in worship and for Discovery Hour. We'll get an update on what's happening at Garfield Farm and will hear about the work of the Wild Indigo Guilds, a new educational initiative focused on helping participants connect with God, others, and the natural world through nature-based contemplative practice.



Rev. John Creasy is a founding pastor of The Open Door Presbyterian Church since 2005. Rev. Creasy is also the founder and Executive Director of Garfield Community Farm. For over fifteen years John has worked to create an ecologically diverse neighborhood farm on nearly three acres of land at the top of the Garfield neighborhood. John leads an excellent staff at the farm who collectively lead hundreds of students and volunteers each year. The farm serves the neighborhood as an open community green-space and as a site for ecological education. The Open Doors with John's leadership grows and distributes a lot of food too! John loves serving the church in areas of mission and outreach, helping members connect their faith to all aspects of life for the sake of the world. John and his wife Alyssa lead The Open Door's music ministry and enjoy creating music with the band This Side of Eve.

John and Alyssa, have three children, Téah, Micah and Lyle. They've lived in the East End of Pittsburgh for nearly eighteen years.



### Monday Morning Bible Study

Please join us on 1st and 3rd Mondays in May and June (May 6 & 20; June 3 & 17) at 10 a.m. in Panera's Community Room at Penn Center as we learn how to help others pursue their purpose. All are welcome!



## Catalyst

We are moving from Old Testament kings and prophets to a New Testament leader in the early Christian church. In a brief four-session study, we'll continue our lessons learned from Biblical Characters with Barnabas, the Encourager.

Barnabas wasn't a famous apostle. He didn't write a book of the Bible or have a

dramatic conversion (at least, that we know of). But Barnabas serves as a model for us. Why? Because Barnabas was a catalyst.

In this series, we will look at specific ways God used him to encourage others by both his words and his actions, whether he was focusing on one person at a time or a group of people. In four sessions, we will see this servant of God: Pursuing Purpose, Meeting Needs, Nurturing Faith, and Developing Potential.

Barnabas' steady faithfulness in using his gifts for God's kingdom was vital in the lives of believers throughout history up to now. In Catalyst, we will learn that like Barnabas, we can change the world, one small act at a time.



### **May Munchin'**

This month's Munchin' will be on May 22, stay tuned for more details about this special edition of Munchin'!



### **Mother's Day Wellness Workshop**



Kelly Miskis and the Engagement Committee want to offer moms who are caring for children, to join her for a relaxing retreat of the mind, body, and spirit on Friday evening, May 10 from 7 - 9 p.m. We will explore what unplugging can look like in our busy and chaotic lives, what centering our breath and silencing our worries can do for our overall health and wellness, and how connecting to the Holy Spirit

is our truest form of retreat and always present with us.

Join Kelly and other moms just like you for a practice of breathwork, a gentle yoga flow, a sound bath, and centering prayer. Come in comfy clothes, bring water and a mat if you have one. (We have plenty here as well if you don't or forget!) Try to eat an early dinner, so your stomach is not full upon arriving. Medical waivers will be required and available at check-in.

Childcare is not being offered for this, but please reach out to Kelly at [kmiskis@beulahpresby.org](mailto:kmiskis@beulahpresby.org) if this is an issue for you.

Moms, lets join together for an evening of sisterhood and wellness of the body, spirit, and mind!

## This Week at Beulah

### Monday, May 6

10:00 am Mon. Morning Bible Study - Panera  
3:00 pm EEYM After School - 102/104

### Tuesday, May 7

9:30 am Staff Meeting - 206  
3:00 pm EEYM After School - 102

### Wednesday, May 8

3:00 pm EEYM After School - 102/104  
5:30 pm Family Night - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - 109A  
6:00 pm McCrady Road - Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study - Fireside  
6:00 pm Children's Group - 109B  
6:00 pm Youth Group - 102/104  
7:30 pm Men's Group - 102

### Thursday, May 9

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Fireside  
6:30 pm Evensong - Zoom  
7:00 pm Leadership & Nominating - Fireside

### Sunday, May 12

**9:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**  
10:15 am Discovery Hour  
**11:15 am Emergent Worship - Sanctuary**

### Unwanted bulletins return



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

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