



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Light the Christ Candle

Worship Leader, Jane Gunningham

Silent Listening to God

Call to Worship

***Song** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Ensemble

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love *(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside (Chorus)

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Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Jane Gunningham

***Responding to God's Great Love** [>>>Click here to give online](#)

Leader: You have given all to me

People: **To you, Lord, I return it**

Leader: Everything is Yours

People: **Do with it what You will**

Leader: Give me only Your love and Your grace

People: **That is enough for me**

Song *Matthew 6:33 – See Ye First*

Ensemble

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Children's Time

Mark Russo

Scripture Reading Mark 10:1-12

Doug Kelly

He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Sermon *Jesus, Divorce, and Context*

Doug Kelly

Our Prayers to God [>>>Click here for the Virtual Prayer Wall](#)

***Song** *How Great Thou Art*

Ensemble

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin *(Chorus)*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration

And there proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!" *(Chorus)*

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Benediction

Doug Kelly

Closing Song *Go Now In Peace*

Ensemble

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go *(Repeat)*

Postlude

Sylvia Oines

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Doug Kelly is preaching and Jane Gunningham is leading worship. Bethany Presbyterian has been Jane's church home since 1984. While she was a global nomad, the faith community here prayed, wrote, and provided a strong sense of belonging. Currently, Jane is working at Vision House in Shoreline with families experiencing homelessness. It is a joy to continue that belonging "up close and personal" for the moment and to share in worship with you today.

Ministers You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

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