



*Conversations with Jesus*

LENT 2023



# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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**Prelude** *Jesu Meine Freunde* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) *Sylvia Oines*

**Welcome** *Candidate for Ordination & Bethany Intern, Amanda Sutherland*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you! *People:* **And also with you!**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Story Along the Way**

*Lynne Baab*

*Lynne:* This is what the Lord has done in me. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle**

*Leader:* We extinguish candles each week in Lent as we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross.

*People:* **As the light draws dimmer and the night grows darker, lead us, Lord. Amen.**

**Silent Listening**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide  
Tell aloud the wondrous story of the cross, the Crucified  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, vanquished death the day He died  
God in mercy saw us fallen, sunk in shame and misery  
Felled to death in Eden's garden, where in pride we claimed the tree  
Then another tree was chosen, which the world from death would free  
Thirty years among us dwelling, Jesus went from Nazareth, destined  
Dedicated, willing, did His work and met His death  
Like a lamb He humbly yielded on the cross His dying breath  
Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree  
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit Your equal be  
Symbol of the world's redemption, for Your burden makes us free

**Children's Message**

*Lisa Dunn*

**Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness**

**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.**

**Anthem** *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

*Choir*

God so loved the world  
That He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
Should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world  
But that the world through Him might be saved

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Ushers*

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

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

To share your prayer request on the Virtual Prayer Wall, use your phone's camera or app to scan the QR code on back of bulletin. When the page comes up, tap on the box at bottom of screen that says, "Click here to join the conversation." Select "guest," enter your name or initials, and log in. Type in your prayer request to be prayed over during worship today. You may also visit this page directly by entering [www.bethanypc.org/prayer-requests](http://www.bethanypc.org/prayer-requests) in your web browser.

**Scripture Reading** [John 3:1-17](#)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** *Conversations with Jesus: Curiosity*

Associate Pastor, Danielle Merseles

**The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper**

Please come forward to form two lines. There are two ways to receive the sacrament: you may take a communion kit and partake of it in your pew; or you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup, and partake of the elements. If you would like gluten-free, just ask your server for it. Those who do not wish to receive the sacraments can simply cross their arms and they will receive a brief blessing. A leader is available up front for intercessory prayer.

**Song** *Our Father*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us  
Keep us from temptation, and deliver us from evil, Amen

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**Song** *There Is A Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One  
*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us your Son  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done*  
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain (Chorus)  
When I stand in glory, I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place (Chorus)

**Song** *Way Maker*

You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, You're working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You (Repeat verse)  
*Way maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are (Repeat Chorus)*  
You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working

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**\*Benediction**

Danielle Merseles

**Postlude**

Sylvia Oines

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**Preaching Today** Danielle Merseles

**Leading Worship** Amanda Sutherland

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

**Bethany Presbyterian Church**

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