



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Introduction Matt Miller, Interim Associate Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Light the Christ Candle

Worship Leader, Colleen Harriott

Silent Listening to God

Call to Worship

***Song** *You Keep On Getting Better*

Ensemble

I will sing of Your goodness, I will sing of Your love
Though the seasons come quickly, You have always been enough
Though the night may get darker, though the waiting seems long
You have always been faithful to remind me of your love

You are good, in the morning I'll sing

You are good, in the evening I'll sing

You are good, You are good to me

You have always been patient, You have always been kind
You're consistent through the ages; oh, what a friend of mine
So I'll remind my soul to bless You, standing firm upon Your truth
Knowing You cannot be shaken, 'cause I've seen what You can do, oh *(Chorus)*

You keep on getting better

You keep on getting better

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Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Colleen Harriott

Scripture Reading Psalm 22:1-5

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

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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 *King Of My Heart*

Ensemble

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life, oh He is my song

You are good, good, oh (4x)

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Children's Time

Jennifer Steenstra

Sermon *Lessons from Job: Tenacity in the Winter of the Soul*

Doug Kelly

Text: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: ² 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. ³ O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! ⁴ I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵ I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. ⁶ Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. ⁷ There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

⁸ 'If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; ⁹ on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶ God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷ If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

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

Danielle Merseles

***Song** *God I Look To You*

Ensemble

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do
God I look to You, You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do

And I love You Lord my strength

And I love You Lord my shield

And I love You Lord my rock

Forever all my days I will love You, God

Hallelujah our God reigns

Hallelujah our God reigns

Oh Hallelujah our God reigns

Forever all my days hallelujah

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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:

Preaching today is Doug Kelly and leading worship is Colleen Harriott. Colleen Harriott has been attending Bethany since 2010. She is married to Jim and has two grown step-daughters, Noa and Ani, and a 6-year-old son, Ian. She thinks October is the best month of the year.

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

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