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Welcome

Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Story Along the Way

Adrian Chow

Laura: This is what the Lord has done in me.

People: Thanks be to God.

Light the Christ Candle Throughout Seattle

Danielle Merseles

Silent Listening

"When This is Over" by Laura Kelley Fanucci

Call to Worship

Emma Craig

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Song *Come All Christians, Be Committed*

Leo Muller

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord
Come into His courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew
Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring
In your work, with Him find favor, and with joy His praises sing

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love will you receive
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word
And repeat the gospel story until all His name have heard

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Emma Craig

Children's Message

Bianca Quezada

Song *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Leo Muller

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be
Set Your seal upon my heart, and live in me

Sermon *What On Earth Are You Here For?*

Marisa Gronholz

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles

Our Response to God's Great Love ([click here if you would like to give your offering online](#))

Emma Craig

Song *The Stand*

Leo Muller

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand
You stood before my failure and carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand
*So what can I say and what can I do
But offer this heart, O God, completely to You*
I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me
My life to declare Your promise, my soul now to stand (*Chorus*)
I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned, in awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered, all I am is Yours (*Chorus*)
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Benediction

Marisa Gronholz

Closing Song *Go Now In Peace*

Leo Muller

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preaching Today is Marisa Gronholz. Marisa serves as our Director of Outreach. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary with a focus in Theology and culture. She is a frequent retreat speaker, guest speaker, and guest worship leader, and also coaches individuals and consults with organizations on staff health, morale, and organizational development through Exegete Consulting. She lives on Queen Anne with her husband Scott—a former youth pastor at Bethany and current City Pastor of Beloved Arise—and their two children: Jack (16) and Avery (14) and their notoriously ill-behaved Shih-tzu/Bichon mix named Dodger.

Leading Worship Today is Emma Craig. Emma has been at Bethany since she was born and has been part of youth group, Delight, and also helping out with the Children's Ministry over the last six years. She is leading worship today from her new flat in Scotland, where she is in her third year studying International Relations and Italian at the University of St Andrews. Emma is so grateful for these virtual services because it means she is able to worship with everyone even while she is so far away!

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