



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *The Summons*

Sylvia Oines

Scottish traditional, arr. Sylvia Oines

Lighting the Christ Candle

The candle is lit to awaken us to the presence of God, to alert us to the invitation of Christ, the Light of the world, and to affirm our unity in Christ (in this sanctuary, our homes in Seattle, and around the world)

Welcome *Cathee Till, Worship Leader*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Hymn** #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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*)

***Song** *Great Are You Lord*

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise, it's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
"Great are You, Lord!" (*Repeat & Chorus*)

Scripture Reading Exodus 15:1, 20-21 (Pew Bible: OT, p. 57-58)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Kim Kleeh

Song *His Mercy Is More*

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more (Repeat)*

Responding to God's Great Love

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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 grace.

People: That is enough for me.

Choral Anthem *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*
by Mary McDonald

Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love

Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith; wherever there's despair, hope
Where there's darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace
O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace
For it is in giving that we receive; for it is by faith that we believe
For in forgiving, we are forgiven
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life
Make me an instrument of Thy peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Praying in Wartime*

Rev. Dr. Tim Dearborn

Text: Romans 8:26-27 (Pew Bible: NT, p. 138)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

***Song** *We Rise*

We rise, humbly hearted
Rise, won't be divided
Rise, with spirit to guide us, Rise
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here
We rise, all of the children
Rise, elders with wisdom
Rise, ancestors surround us, Rise (*Chorus*)
We rise, up from the wreckage
Rise, with tears and with courage
Rise, fighting for life
We rise (*Chorus & Repeat Verse 1*)

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

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Song *Goodness of God*

I love You, Lord, Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful; all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God (*Chorus*)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything; Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (*Repeat & Chorus*)

Benediction *Danielle Merseles*

Postlude *My Heart Ever Faithful – J. S. Bach*

Sylvia Oines

**Congregation, please rise in body or in spirit.*

Preaching Today: *Rev. Dr. Tim Dearborn*

Leading Worship: *Cathee Till*

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

Date: *November 12, 2023*

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TODAY

Preaching today is Rev. Dr. Tim Dearborn. *Tim and Kerry have been grateful participants in the life of BPC for almost 20 years. He retired seven years ago from serving as a pastor, professor, and support for people and churches engaged in responses to humanitarian crises. Now he is enjoying the gift of time to grow in Christ, in life with Kerry, and with friends and family. They can be found tootling around town on e-bikes, or at a small lakeside cabin they built together in the foothills of the Cascades.*

Leading worship today is Cathee Till. *Cathee has been a member of Bethany since the 90's, and currently serves as an Elder for Children's Ministries. She lives in Ballard with her husband, Brian, and kids, Sarah and Adam.*

Children's Programming

- **Childcare:** *Ages 2 years and younger in room #102 at the beginning of both services.*
- **9:00am:** *Individual classes for children 3 years old through 5th grade after the Children's Message.*
- **10:45am:** *Classes for preschoolers, and Godly Play for kindergartners through 3rd graders after the Children's Message. 4th and 5th graders stay in the sanctuary with their families.*

Youth Programming | *At the end of the children's message, the middle schoolers should exit out the back of the Sanctuary, out through the lobby, and walk to the Youth House together. Dave Westburg will be teaching the class this week.*

Kids Choir | 10:15–10:45am | Parlor

All children ages 4 through 6th grade are welcome to join us! We are preparing music for our Welcoming Christmas and Christmas Eve programs.

TODAY

Super Special Second Sunday | Today after both services | Fellowship Hall | *Stop by for coffee, snacks, and connection after worship. Check out the Advent volunteer sign-ups while you're there!*

Meet and Greet Church Officer Nominees | Today between services Fellowship Hall | *This is an opportunity to visit with the new slate of church officers we are preparing to elect at the Nov 19th Congregational Meeting. Hard copies of the nominee bios are on the lobby table.*

Q&A with Nominating Committee | Today, 10:45am | Fellowship Hall | *Join Nom Com members for a session to answer any questions you may have about the nominees, election process, etc.*

Global & Regional Outreach Potluck | Today, 5:00-7:30pm | *Interested in global and regional outreach? We are gathering quarterly for fellowship and prayer for our ministry partners. We'd love to have you join for the first potluck dinner. RSVP to Carrie Ngongo, cngongo@gmail.com.*

NEWS & NOTES

The rose on the lectern is in celebration of the birth of Blaine Adele on October 24th. Congratulations to mom and dad, Kate and Ben Barker; big brother, Blake; and grandparents, David and Kathy Barker.

Lost & Found Tidy Up. This is the final week to collect your items! Visit the shelves just up the stairs between the Lobby and Church Office (3 Howe House). Any remaining items will be donated to Wednesday Night Dinner on Nov 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve | Wed, Nov 22nd | 5:30pm Dinner, Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm Service, Sanctuary | *Join the Wednesday Night Dinner community for turkey dinner, followed by a service of prayer, song, expressing our thanks to God, and sharing what we are grateful for. Doors open at 5:00pm.*

[>>Click here to RSVP >>](#)

Save the Date : Welcoming Christmas | Sat, Dec 2nd, 4:00-6:30pm
Mark your calendar for this special all-church event including food, activities, and a concert. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Learning to Repent : A Conversation with Author Sarah L. Sanderson

Tues, Nov 14th | 5:00pm | UW Thomson 101 | *Join us for an honest conversation about how uncovering our specific local histories and our own biases can lead us to action.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Nov 13th, 3:30-6pm | Zoka Coffee in SLU, 351 Boren Ave N | *Stop by to share any questions, joys, or concerns about your own life or Bethany's.*

College-Age Bible Study | Wednesdays, 8:30-10pm | Eric & Carina Long's home | *Join us for tea, snacks, conversation and bible study. Contact Professor Long for address or with any questions: longe@spu.edu.*

Young Adult Gathering | Wed, Nov 15th, 6:30pm | Gronholz Home Fellowship community of post-college-ish through early 30's adults. Contact Matt Miller for address or with any questions: mattm@bethanypc.org.

Youth Group | High School meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm / Middle School meets Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Youth House (11 Howe)
Come for some games, snacks, small groups, prayer and fun!