



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Light the Christ Candle

Worship Leader, Jennifer Steenstra

Silent Listening to God

Call to Worship

***Song** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ensemble

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Jennifer Steenstra

Scripture Reading Job 1:1, 2:1-10

1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

2 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." ⁴Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives

⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die."

¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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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 *Good Good Father*

Ensemble

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

(1)*You're a Good Good Father; it's who You are; it's who You are; it's who You are
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am; it's who I am; it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

(2)*You're a Good, Good Mother; it's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you, it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

You are perfect in all of Your ways (2x)

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still (3x)

Into love love love (*Chorus 1*)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Children's Time

Sylvia Oines

Sermon *In the Land of Uz There Was a Man Named Job*

Jeff Van Duzer

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

Danielle Merseles

***Song** *Reckless Love*

Ensemble

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me, You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me, You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me, You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me, You have been so, so kind to me (*Chorus*)

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up, coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down, coming after me (*Repeat*)

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Holy Communion

Danielle Merseles

Benediction

Jeff Van Duzer

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 Jeff Van Duzer. Jeff is a long-time member who has been preaching regularly at Bethany for over thirty-five years. He is currently stepping into "retirement." Margie and he have two adult sons, two daughters-in-law, and two delightful granddaughters.

Leading worship today is Jennifer Steenstra. Jennifer is a long-time Bethany member, married to Paul, her gracious partner in life. She loves making things — especially when it involves soup, flowers, words, or people. She enjoys any news from her two young adult kids, Willem and Bella. She also enjoys sandwich nights and jigsaw puzzles with her wonderful mom Madge. She's also wild about kids at Bethany — yes you! — and loves singing, dancing, and wondering together about our place in God's story.

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

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