



**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

---

## **Prelude**

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.*

## **Welcome**

Worship Leader, Jean Fandl-Kelly

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Call to Worship**

### **Hymn** *Rejoice The Lord is King* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore  
*Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice*  
Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above (*Chorus*)  
Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come  
And gather all the saints to their eternal home (*Chorus*)

### **Song** *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name*  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name*  
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say (*Chorus*)  
You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name" (*Repeat*) – (*Chorus 2x*)

©2002 Matt & Beth Redman, Kingsway, Thankyou Music/PRS, CCLI #176696

## **Silent Listening**

## **Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness**

### **Scripture Reading** [Psalm 119:1-3, 97-104, 129-136](#)

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

## Children's Message

Katie Douglass

**Song** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (verses 1 & 2)

Let us talents and tongues employ  
Reaching out with a shout of joy  
Bread is broken the wine is poured  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again*  
*Pass the Word around, loaves abound* (Repeat)

Christ is able to make us one  
At the table He sets the tone  
Teaching people to live to bless  
Love in word and in deed express

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again*

©1975 Doreen Potter, Fred Kaan; Hope Publishing Co; CCLI #176696

## Our Prayers to God

Director of Formation & Outreach Ministries, Marisa Gronholz

[>>Click here for the Virtual Prayer Wall](#)

To share your prayer request on the Virtual Prayer Wall, use your phone's camera or app to scan the QR code on the back of this 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.

## 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.**

## Song *Speak O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory  
Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

©2005 Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, Thankyou Music (Admin. by  
Capitol CMG Publishing); CCLI #176696

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

## Sermon *One Lie A Preacher Told Me*

Marisa Gronholz

Text [Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

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

## The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Lynne Baab and Katie Douglass

*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.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Song *Your Love Is Strong*

Heavenly Father, You always amaze me  
Let Your kingdom come in my world and in my life  
Give me the food I need to live through today  
And forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me  
Lead me far from temptation; deliver me from the evil one  
I look out the window, the birds are composing; Not a note is out of tune, or out of place  
I walk to the meadow, and stare at the flowers  
Better dressed than any girl on her wedding day  
So, why should I worry, why do I doubt that  
God knows what I need; You know what I need  
*Your love is, Your love is, Your love is strong*  
The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing  
Invade my heart, invade this broken town  
The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasure  
Would you sell yourself to buy the one you've found  
Two things You told me that You are strong, and You love me, yes, You love me (*Chorus*)  
Our God in heaven, hallowed be Thy name above all names  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us weary sinners  
Keep us far from our vices, and deliver us from these prisons (*Chorus*)

©2008 Jon Foreman, Rubadub Publishing Publishing, CCLI #176696

## Song *Break Every Chain*

*There is power in the name of Jesus (3x)*  
*To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain (Repeat)*  
All sufficient sacrifice, so freely given, such a price  
Bought our redemption; heaven's gates swing wide (*Repeat*) (*Chorus 2x*)

©2009 Will Reagan, Admin by Capitol CMG Publishing, CCLI #176696

## Benediction

Marisa Gronholz

## Postlude

Sylvia Oines

---

**Preaching Today** Marisa Gronholz

**Leading Worship** Jean Fandl-Kelly

**Date** October 1, 2023

**Cover** Brigitte Tohm

---