

Conversations with Jesus

LENT 2023



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Worship Leader, Bill Leese

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Call to Worship

Song *Hear My Prayer, O Lord*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry for mercy

In Your faithfulness, answer me, in Your righteousness *(Chorus)*

In Your faithfulness, answer me, in Your righteousness, answer me

Lord, have mercy *(Chorus)*

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Silent Listening

Story Along the Way

Director of Formation and Outreach Ministries, Marisa Gronholz

Marisa: This is what the Lord has done in me. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

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

Song *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you

Seek, and ye shall find

Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, Alleluia

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Children's Message

Kristin Willhite

Our Prayers to God

Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

[>>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 back of 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. Type in your prayer request to be prayed over during worship today. You may also visit this page directly by entering www.bethanypc.org/prayer-requests in your web browser.

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.**

Hymn *When We Are Tested*

When we are tested and wrestle alone
Famished for bread when the world offers stone
Nourish us, God, by Your word and Your way
Food that sustains us by night and by day
When in the desert we cry for relief
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief
Lift us to love You beyond sign and test
Trusting Your presence, our only true rest
When we are tempted to barter our souls
Trading the truth for the power to control
Teach us to worship and praise only You
Seeking Your will in the work that we do
When we have struggled and searched through the night
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right
Savior, surround us with circles of care
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Conversations with Jesus: Struggle*

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

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.

Song *Abana in Heaven* Loose sheet in the front or back of your hymnal

Abana in heaven, hallowed be Your holy name
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in all the earth as is in heav'n
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in all the earth as is in heav'n
And give to us, give us this day our daily bread, O Lord, we pray
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us
And save us in time of trial, deliver us from evil
Yours is the kingdom and the power
Yours is the glory now and ever, Abana in heaven. Amen

Song *Desert Song*

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need, "My God is the God who provides"
This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me, Lord, through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise; no weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare, "God is my victory and He is here"*

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way

I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand (Chorus)

(Bridge) All of my life, in every season, You are still God

I have a reason to sing; I have a reason to worship (Chorus)

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow

I know I'm filled to be emptied again, the seed I've received I will sow

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Song *When The Saints*

Lord, I have a heavy burden of all I've seen and know

It's more than I can handle, but Your word

Is burning like a fire shut up in my bones

And I can't let it go

And when I'm weary and overwrought

With so many battles left unfought

I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard

I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars

And when the Saints go marching in, I want to be one of them

Lord, it's all that I can't carry and cannot leave behind

It all can overwhelm me, but when I think

Of all who've gone before and lived a faithful life

Their courage compels me

And when I'm weary and overwrought

With so many battles left unfought

I see the man of sorrow and His long troubled road

I see the world on His shoulders and my easy load

When the Saints go marching in, I want to be one of them

When the Saints go marching in, I want to be one of them

I want to be one of them, I want to be one of them

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Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today Doug Kelly

Leading Worship Bill Leese

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

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