

Conversations with Jesus

LENT 2023



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus* Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Worship Leader, Lisa Dunn

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Story Along the Way

Janette Plunkett

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

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Leader: We extinguish candles each week in Lent as we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross.

People: As the light draws dimmer and the night grows darker, lead us, Lord. Amen.

Silent Listening

Call to Worship

Song *Trisagion*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us

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Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, 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 *Be the Centre*

Jesus, be the centre; be my source, be my light, Jesus
Jesus, be the centre; be my hope, be my song, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision; be my path, be my guide, Jesus

Jesus, be the centre; be my source, be my light, Jesus

Be my source, be my light, Jesus

Jesus Jesus

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Song *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
*'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, all our fears are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna! You are the God who saves us - worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna! Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new (Chorus)

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First Scripture Reading [John 9:1-16](#))

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

Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill*

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow*
You who know our fears and sadness
Grace us with your peace and gladness
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts (Chorus)
In the pain and joy beholding
How Your grace is still unfolding
Give us all Your vision, God of love (Chorus)
Give us strength to love each other
Every sister, every brother
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide (Chorus)
You who know each thought and feeling
Teach us all Your way of healing
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart

Our Prayers to God

Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

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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.

Anthem *Lord, I Call to You* Wolfgang A. Mozart; arr. Hal H. Hopson

Choir

Lord, I call to You, Lord, I call to You
Show forth Your love, have mercy
Lord, hear my supplication; blot out all my sin
Wash me through and through
Send Your joy, Lord, once more

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Darkness to Light/Light to Darkness*

Jeff Van Duzer

Text: [John 9:17-41](#)

Song *Build My Life*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing; worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe; we live for You, we live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry another name; Jesus the only One who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe; we live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You

There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder

Show me who You are and fill me

With Your heart and lead me

In Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken *(Repeat)*

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Benediction

Jeff Van Duzer

Postlude

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today Jeff Van Duzer

Leading Worship Lisa Dunn

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

Bethany Presbyterian Church

Date March 19, 2023

Congratulations to the 2nd graders who completed the Communion milestone! Thank you to our class assistant, Parker Totten. Some 2nd graders will be taking Communion with their Bethany family this morning: Henry Albright, Kenzie Conner, Sam Gerlitz, Ian Harriott, and Jonas Kaiser.

Our thanks to today's ensemble and tech team: Lily Nixon-Assaad, Robin Bernhardt, Dave Carlstrom, Tyler Cronk, Marlowe Hussey, Inga & Rae Johnston, Kyla Marshall, Suzanne Mason, Leslie Ross, and Marcie Wolff.

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