

*Gratitude
& Commitment
Sunday*



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. Anne Krentz

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Stewardship Elder, Greg Nelson

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gratitude and Commitment Moment

Steven Westburg

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

Lighting the Christ Candle (at homes in Seattle and around the world)

Silent Listening

Call to Worship

Hymn *For The Fruit Of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God
In the just reward of labor, God's will be done
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading [2 Corinthians 9:10-15](#)

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

Song *Give Thanks To God*

Leader: He sent His Son to die and rise again to save us

All: His never ending love is steadfast and sure

Leader: He's broken our chains and given us freedom

All: Give thanks to God for He is good

Leader: In Him we are alive and have joy everlasting

All: His never ending love is steadfast and sure

Leader: He casts out all fear and fills us with courage

All: Give thanks to God for He is good

Leader: When storms come and rage, His peace overwhelms us

All: His never ending love is steadfast and sure

Leader: The Lord is our refuge when trouble surrounds us

All: Give thanks to God for He is good

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Leader: He's always pouring out His abundant provision

All: His never ending love is steadfast and sure

Leader: For the depths of His riches and incredible wisdom

All: Give thanks to God for He is good

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Children's Message

Sylvia Oines

Our Prayers to God >>[Click here for the Virtual Prayer Wall](#) Associate Pastor, Danielle Merseles

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Sermon *Inexpressible Opportunity*

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

Time of Commitment >>[Click here to fill out your Estimate of Giving online](#)

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 *As Those Of Old Their First-Fruits Brought*

As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield
So we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand
A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give
To make our life an offering that all may truly live
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new
In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

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.

Hymn *Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ*

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

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 (Chorus)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Immanuel everywhere (Chorus)

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 (Repeat)

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)*

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***Benediction**

Doug Kelly

Postlude *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart* arr. James Beiry

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today Doug Kelly

Leading Worship Greg Nelson

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

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