



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Carlos Rangel

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.

Song *Great Things*

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

*O Hero of heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high
O God, You have done great things*

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God, you do great things *(Chorus)*

Hallelujah, God above it all
Hallelujah, God unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things *(Repeat)*
You've done great things *(Chorus)*

You have done great things
O God, You do great things

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Welcome

Worship Leader, Michelle McFarland

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Introducing New Administrative Coordinator Reid Cook

Personnel Committee, Jay Derr

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Song *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

*Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King; Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing, Come thou Fount of our blessing*

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone (Chorus)

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above (Chorus)

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Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading [Isaiah 1:10-17](#) (The Message translation)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Lisa Dunn

Song *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (verse 3)

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

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

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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 *His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more (Repeat)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins; they are many; His mercy is more (Chorus)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God

Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

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Sermon *Lies My Preacher Told Me: Dispelling Mistruths About the Old Testament*

Mistruth #3: The Old Testament God Is Mean...Really Mean

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly

Text [John 15:1-6](#)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song *For Everyone Born* (verses 1, 3, 4 & 5)

For everyone born, a place at the table

For everyone born, clean water and bread

A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing

For everyone born, a star overhead

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy

Compassion and peace: yes, God will delight

When we are creators of justice, justice and joy

For young and for old, a place at the table

A voice to be heard, a part in the song

The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled

For young and for old, the right to belong *(Chorus)*

For just and unjust a place at the table

Abuser abused with need to forgive

In anger in hurt a mindset of mercy

For just and unjust a new way to live *(Chorus)*

For everyone born a place at the table

To live without fear and simply to be

To work, to speak out, to witness and worship

For everyone born the right to be free *(Chorus)*

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Sacrament of Baptism Brooke Chow Greiner

Alan Beasley and Doug Kelly

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Preaching Today Doug Kelly

Leading Worship Michelle McFarland

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

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