



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please remember to silence anything that buzzes or beeps.

Prelude *Offering*

by Paul Baloche, arr. by Todd Beaney

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 (in this sanctuary, our homes in Seattle, and around the world).

Welcome

Bill Leese, Worship Leader

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Song** *Yes I Will* by Eddie Hoagland, Mia Fieldes, and Jonathan Smith

I count on one thing: the same God that never fails
Will not fail me now; You won't fail me now
In the waiting, the same God who's never late
Is working all things out; You're working all things out

*Yes, I will lift You high, in the lowest valley
Yes, I will bless Your name; Yes, I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy, all my days, yes, I will (Repeat Verse & Chorus)*

I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify the name of all names
That nothing can stand against *(Repeat, Chorus 2x)*

For all my days, yes, I will

***Song** *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

by John Wyeth, Robert Robinson, and Thomas Miller

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

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

*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*

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

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

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading 1 Chronicles 29:10-16 (Pew Bible: NT, p. 357)

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

Children's Message

Katie Douglass

Hymn #526 *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 indeed express

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

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

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 grace.

People: **That is enough for me.**

Song *Offering* by Paul Baloche

Take my life and let it be; consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise (*Repeat*)

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven; it's only by Your blood
And it's only through your mercy, Lord, I come

*I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You (Repeat Verse & Chorus)*

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use

Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose (*Repeat*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Returning God's Generosity:
Who Are We That We Can Give?*

Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor

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 (p. 35 in hymnal)

Hymn #518 *Your Only Son (Lamb of God)*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God
Your gift of love we crucified; we laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King we named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God
*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood; My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God*
I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a Lamb of God (*Chorus*)

Song *The Wonderful Cross* by Chris Tomlin et al.

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride
See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown
*Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*
Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all (*Chorus x2*)

Benediction *Doug Kelly*

Postlude *As with Gladness Men of Old* by Conrad Kocher

Sylvia Oines

**Congregation, please rise in body or in spirit.*

Preaching Today: *Senior Pastor, 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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TODAY

Preaching today is Senior Pastor Doug Kelly, and leading worship is Bill Leese, husband of J.J. Johnson Leese (biblical studies professor at SPU). Raised on the pristine waters of Southeast Alaska as a 4th generation commercial fisher, Bill has a keen interest in respectful and sustainable human interaction with the marine environment. When not catching Alaskan salmon, doing boat projects or traveling to Asia, Bill can be seen at Bethany in the choir loft - blessed to participate in Bethany's wonderful music ministry.

Children's Programming

- **Childcare:** Ages 2 years and younger in room #102 at the beginning of both services.
- **9:00am:** Individual classes for children 3 years old through 5th grade after the Children's Message.
- **10:45am:** Classes for preschoolers, and Godly Play for kindergartners through 3rd graders after the Children's Message. 4th and 5th graders stay in the sanctuary with their families.

Kids Choir | 10:15–10:45am | Parlor

All children ages 4 through 6th grade are welcome to join us!

Isaiah 43:1 Support Group | 12:15pm–1:30pm | Parlor

This is a group for people who identify as LGBTQ+ and for those who want to support friends and family members who identify as LGBTQ+.

Gratitude & Commitment Sunday | Feb 11th | Today begins our preparation for Gratitude & Commitment Sunday on February 11th where many of us will fill out our estimate of giving cards for Bethany's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year operating budget. Please be praying about how you'd like to respond to God's generosity with your own gifts of gratitude.

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Jan 22nd, 3:30-6:00pm | Starbucks Queen Anne, 2135 Queen Anne Ave N
| Stop by to share any questions, joys, or concerns about your own life or Bethany's.

Youth Group | High School meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Middle School meets Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Youth House (11 Howe)

Come for some games, snacks, small groups, prayer and fun!

College-Age Bible Study | Wednesdays, 8:30-10pm | Eric & Carina Long's home | Join us for tea, snacks, conversation and bible study. Contact Professor Long for address or with any questions: longe@spu.edu.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Sanctuary

The choir is currently preparing music for Sunday worship - new voices are always welcome!

Women's Bible Study | Jan 23rd, 10am | 7 Howe & Online | Women of all ages and stages are invited to study the Bible with us in 7 Howe house or online. Contact Lynn Beaumont at newhatdsl@msn.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner | Jan 24th, 5:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

An open-door community of Bethany. All are welcome to join us for dinner!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listening, Learning, Loving: Empathy as a Practice | Sun, Jan 28th, 11:00am | Parlor | *Empathy is a listening skill that can be learned. Lynne Baab will draw on communication research about empathy to give an overview of what empathy is and how to grow in empathy. No registration required to attend.*

Loving Across Our Differences: Personal Stories | Sun, Feb 4th, 11th & 18th, 10:45am | 7 Howe
Come listen to several people from our Bethany community as they share their diverse personal experiences and reflections regarding non-heterosexual orientation and relationships. This is an opportunity to practice better understanding and loving one another, while respectfully acknowledging theological differences. Questions? Contact Jennifer Steenstra, Group Life elder at jennifersteenstra.b@gmail.com. Space is limited; registration is required. Scan the QR code to the right to register >>



Bethany 101 – Exploring Membership | Sat, Jan 27th, 9:30am-12:30pm | 7 Howe | *This class is for anyone who wants to dive deeper into who we are at Bethany and find out ways to get connected. Refreshments will be served. Childcare is available (request by January 23rd). Scan QR code to register >>*



Annual Congregational Meeting | Sun, Jan 28th, 10:00am | Sanctuary | *Save the date and plan to join us for this special gathering between services. We will hear some brief reports and then celebrate what God has done over this past year at Bethany and beyond!*

Lattes and Ladders | Sat, Jan 20th, 9:00am | Sanctuary | *Come join in the fun of retiring the sanctuary stars for another year. There will be warm caffeinated beverages and muffins on offer.*

“Open the Heavens and Come Down” Gallery Reception | Sun, Jan 28th, 12:00-2:00pm | Fellowship Hall
Meet photographer Rich Erickson after the 2nd service. Light refreshments served. Grab a postcard from the Narthex or Lobby and invite a friend!

Thriving Conference | Sat, Feb 3rd | BCC Green Lake | *Navigating the tween and teen years can be tough. Gather at the Thriving Conference to gain insights from expert speakers, participate in discussions, and learn skills that lead to flourishing. Scan here for more info and to register >>*



Outreach Potluck & Prayer Gatherings | *Interested in learning about and praying for our outreach partners? We are gathering quarterly for fellowship and prayer for our ministry partners. We would love to have you join us for our upcoming potluck dinners!*

- February 4th, 5-7:30pm for Global & Regional Partners. Please RSVP to Carrie Ngongo, cngongo@gmail.com.
- February 6th, 6-8pm for Local Partners. Please RSVP to Marie Fritzberg, fritzbergs@comcast.net.

Prayer Retreat | Sat, Feb 10th, 9:15am-12:15pm | Fellowship Hall | *Our theme this year is “Listening to God in Prayer.” Bethany members Timothy Chang and Kerry & Tim Dearborn will lead us, followed by Q&A and a guided meditation led by Jean Fandl-Kelly. In-person only. Scan here to sign up >>*

