



*Taste
and see
that the
LORD
is good.*

Psalm 34:8

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please remember to silence anything that buzzes or beeps.

Prelude *We Believe* *Sylvia Oines*
by Travis Ryan, arr. by John Cumberland

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 *Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor*

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

Call to Worship

***Song** *Everlasting God*

by Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord (*Repeat*)

Our God, You reign forever

Our hope, our strong deliv' rer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

Passing the Peace of Christ

Moment of Gratitude and Commitment

Greg Nelson

Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-8 (Pew Bible: p. 471)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Story Along The Way

Lisa Dunn

Leader: This is what the Lord has done in me.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn** #692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Remembrance of Those Who Have Died

John Edwards, Wednesday Night Dinner Community Member

Mark Dobransky, Wednesday Night Dinner Community Member

Phyllis Oster, Bethany Congregation Member

Sally Puff, Bethany Congregation Member

Mike Purdy, Bethany Congregation Member

All: God of grace,

In Jesus Christ You have given a new and living hope.

We thank You that by dying He has conquered death;

And that by rising again He promises eternal life.

We praise You that because He lives, we shall live also;

And that neither death, nor life nor things present,

Nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from Your love.

Help us to live trusting in the communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life eternal.

Strengthen this faith and hope in us, all the days of our life;

Through the love of Your Son, in Whose name we pray,

Amen.

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 the box at the bottom of the screen that says, "Click here to join the conversation." Select "guest," enter your name or initials, and log in >>



Story Along The Way

Dave Carlstrom

Leader: This is what the Lord has done in me.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory: 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 *Do with It What You Will*

by Nick Chambers, Leslie Jordan & Kate Bluett

You have given all to me

To You, O Lord, I return it

Everything I have is Yours

Do with it what You will

You will gather all of me

Every gift, every burden

Every day and every hour

Do with it what You will

I lift it up; I lay it down at your table

Multiply my sacrifice; for you are able

I will take my daily cross

Every step of the journey

I will bear it for Your sake

Do with it what You will (*Chorus*)

Take my laughter and my loss

Make them tools of Your mercy

Anything my hands can make

Do with it what You will

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Song *Forever Reign* by Reuben Morgan & Jason Ingram

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin
You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
In You death has lost its sting
*(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign*
You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go *(Chorus)*
My heart will sing no other name; Jesus, Jesus *(Repeat, Chorus)*

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

Sylvia Oines

African/ American spiritual arr. by Gilbert Martin

Sharing Today: *Lisa Dunn and Dave Carlstrom*

Leading Worship: *Doug Kelly*

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

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ANNUAL MEETING

10:00AM, SANCTUARY & ONLINE

Call to Order & 2023 Highlights

Doug Kelly, Session Moderator

**2023-24 Fiscal Budget Update
& 2024-25 Stewardship Preview**

*Greg Nelson,
Stewardship Elder*

Statistical Report

Gerry Champagne, Clerk of Session

**Special Thanks for Frank
& Patti Holman**

*Marisa Gronholz, Director
of Formation & Outreach*

Video: Bethany 2023 Year in Review

Prayer

Doug Kelly

Closing Hymn #1 *Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

TODAY

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.*

TODAY

Youth Programming | 9:00am Service Only | *When the children are dismissed, the middle schoolers should exit out the back of the Sanctuary, out through the lobby, and walk to the Youth House together. Dave Westburg will lead the class.*

Kids Choir | 10:15–10:45am | Parlor

All children ages 5 through 6th grade are welcome to join us!

Listening, Learning, Loving: Empathy as a Practice | 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.*

“Open the Heavens and Come Down” Gallery Reception | 12-

2:00pm Fellowship Hall | *Meet photographer Rich Erickson after the 2nd service. Light refreshments served.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Jan 29th, 2:30-5:00pm

Fisherman’s Terminal, Café Appassionato, 4001 21st Ave W |

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 & Cari-

na 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 Lent and Easter - new voices are always welcome!

Wednesday Night Dinner | 5:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall | An

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gratitude & Commitment Sunday | Feb 11th | *On this year's Gratitude & Commitment Sunday, 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.*

Loving Across Our Differences: Personal Stories | Sun, Feb 4th, 11th & 18th, 10:45am | 7 Howe | *Registration for this event has reached capacity. You are still very welcome to attend the "Listening with Empathy" class today with Lynne Baab at 11:00am in the Parlor - no registration required.*

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 >>



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 >>



Outreach Potluck & Prayer Gatherings | *Interested in learning about and praying for our outreach partners? We are gathering quarterly for fellowship and prayer.*

- *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.*

Ash Wednesday Worship | Wed, Feb 14th, 7:00pm | Sanctuary
Join us for this 50 minute, multi-sensory service where we launch ourselves into the season of Lent, the 40 days before Holy Week.