



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Solid Rock*

Sylvia Oines

by William Bradbury, arr. Craig Phillips

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

*Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor
of Youth & Young Adults*

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Hymn** #166 *Lord Who throughout These Forty Days*
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray
Teach us with You to mourn our sins and close by You to stay
As You with Satan did contend and did the victory win
O give us strength to persevere, in You to conquer sin
Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last

***Song** *You Are My All in All* by Dennis L. Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all; seeking You as a precious jew'el

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool; You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name (Repeat)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down, You pick me up

When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all (*Chorus*)

Extinguishing The Second 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

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

New Members Introduction

Genna Dalence, Rich Fisher, Andra & Matthew Fix, Jenna Farleigh & Todd Yesefski, Ryan & Katie Horn, Lisa Kissinger, Laura Sammons, Tatumn Walter

Leader: We anoint you with oil, marking the anointed One's claim on your life. This ancient practice signifies what we know to be true:

People: You belong to Christ. You belong to us. We belong to Christ together.

Leader: Receive this cross around your neck as a reminder that—

People: Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose to give you life.

Scripture Reading [Mark 8:31-38](#)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offering: Responding to God's Great Love

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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.

Choral Anthem*Is He Worthy*

Chancel Choir

by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive

arr. Heather Sorenson

Do you feel the world is broken; we do
Do you feel the shadows deepen; we do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through; we do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new; we do

Is all creation groaning; it is
Is a new creation coming; it is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst; it is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this; it is

*Is anyone worthy; is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy; is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this; He is*

Does the Father truly love us; He does
Does the Spirit move among us; He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves; He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us; He does

*Is anyone worthy; is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy; is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy; is He worthy, is He worthy of this; He is*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

[>> Click Here for the Virtual Prayer Wall >>](#)

Sermon *Who Is This Jesus? His Identity,
Our Calling: Losing And Saving Your Life*

Doug Kelly

The Sacrament of The 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)

Song *Jesus Messiah* by Chris Tomlin et al.

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing
*Jesus, Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The ransom from heaven
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all*
His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (*Chorus*)
All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the World (*Chorus*)
Jesus, Messiah; Lord of all; The Lord of all

***Song** *Jesus, We Love You* by Hannah McClure et al.

Old things have passed away; Your love has stayed the same

Your constant grace remains the cornerstone

Things that we thought were dead are breathing in life again

You cause Your Son to shine on darkest nights

For all that You've done, we will pour out our love

This will be our anthem song

Jesus, we love You; Oh how we love You

You are the One our hearts adore

The hopeless have found their hope; the orphans now have a home

All that was lost has found its place in You

You lift our weary head; You make us strong instead

You took these rags and made us beautiful (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

Our affection, our devotion

Poured out on the feet of Jesus (*Repeat, Chorus*)

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude *The Church's One Foundation*
by Samuel Wesley

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today: *Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor*

Leading Worship: *Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults*

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 today is Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults.

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.*

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! We are preparing to sing on Palm Sunday.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

No Coffee Monday This Week | *Event will resume Monday, March 4 at Queen Anne Coffee Co, with Pastor Doug.*

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!

Wednesday Night Dinner | 5:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall
An open-door community of Bethany. All are welcome to join us for dinner!

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 Holy Week and Easter - new voices are always welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

“The Stations of the Cross” Open Sanctuary Time | Mondays 12-1pm & Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm, Feb 19-Mar 28 | Sanctuary & Ramp Room Gallery | *The Stations of the Cross are an invitation to mediation and solidarity. Please consider joining the volunteer team to host the Open Sanctuary times during this Lent season. Contact Carlos Rangel: carlosr@bethanypc.org.*

Congregational Meeting | Sun, Mar 3rd, 10:15-10:30am | Sanctuary *This meeting has been called for the purpose of electing an elder for newcomer ministries. The nominee is Dawn Bonker. This meeting is in person only.*

“Bethany Barks” Dog Walk | Magnuson Park | Sun, Mar 3rd, 3-4:30pm *Bring your dog(s) and join other Bethany-ites in a canine hangout at Magnuson off-leash dog park. We will meet inside north entrance gate and walk together towards the water. (Dogs optional - come even if you don't have a dog!) It will be PAWS-itively fun! [Click to register.](#)*

Bethany (over 21) Game Night | Mox Boarding House (Ballard) | Mon, March 11th, 6:30-9:00pm | *Join other Bethany folks who love board games! We will meet up at Mox Boarding House, in Ballard, in our own room - to play and connect. Bring funds to purchase food and beverages, as you choose. Let the fun begin! [Click to register.](#)*

Parents' Book Discussion | Thursdays, thru Mar 14th, 7:05pm-8:25pm 7 Howe | *Join Katie Douglass (Parent of 3 boys and theology prof at SPU) for the second week of a parents' book discussion. The book is: Sex, Tech, and Faith: Ethics for a Digital Age, by Kate Ott.*

Parent Forum: “Holy Week for All Ages” | Sun, Mar 17th, 10:45am-12:00pm | Fellowship Hall | *How do you as a parent/guardian/teacher answer questions about what happened to Jesus on Holy Week? Led by Pastor Danielle; join us for a time of learning and sharing. [Childcare available, click to register.](#)*

Hanging Flower Baskets Fundraiser for HS Summer Service Trip *Just in time for spring - Bethany High Schoolers are selling hanging flower baskets to raise funds for their service trip with Mending Wings this summer! Baskets are \$50 each - pick up at Bethany on Palm Sunday, March 24th. [Click here to order.](#)*