



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Guide Me O, Thou Great Redeemer* Sylvia Oines

by John Hughes, arr. by Bert Carlson

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

Lynne McMahan, Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Story Along The Way

Gigi Griep

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Silent Listening

Call to Worship

***Hymn** #612 *We Praise You, O God*

Thanksgiving for Willy Sydenstricker

Danielle Merseles,
Associate Pastor

Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:9-10 (Pew Bible: p. 549)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Bianca Quezada

Song *Offering* by Paul Baloche

*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)*

Our Prayers to God Danielle Merseles

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

Offering: 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 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*

Sermon *Honor The Lord with Your Wealth*

Jeff Van Duzer

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)

Song *Reckless Love*

by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, & Ran Jackson

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me

You have been so, so good to me

Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me

You have been so, so good to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me

You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me

You have been so, so kind to me (*Chorus*)

There's no shadow You won't light up

Mountain You won't climb up

Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

Lie You won't tear down

Coming after me (*Repeat, Chorus*)

Song *Living Hope* by Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness

Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace
The God of Ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on Me (*Repeat*)
Jesus, Yours is the victory (*Chorus*)
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

Benediction

Jeff Van Duzer

Postlude *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*
Tune by Georg Neumark 1621 -- 1681
arr. by Bert Carlson

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today: *Jeff Van Duzer*

Sharing Today: *Gigi Griep*

Leading Worship: *Lynne McMahan*

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

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TODAY

Preaching today is Jeff Van Duzer. *Jeff is a long-time member who has been preaching regularly at Bethany for over forty years. He is currently exploring retirement and finding ways to spend his newfound spaciousness. Margie and he have two adult sons, two daughters-in-law, and three delightful grandchildren.*

Leading worship today is Lynne McMahan. *Lynne walked into Bethany during Easter of 1982 (because her car battery died) and loved it. She became a member and was involved in the life of Bethany until she and her husband Kevin moved to Iowa in 2007. She has worked as a Mental Health Counselor for 34 years, and she and Kevin began "retirement" by moving back to Seattle in July of 2022. She loves hiking, biking, and fishing as well as spending time with her son, Kory, his wife Ashley, and their son, Trevor.*

First Grade Milestone | *Congratulations to the first-graders who completed their Lord's Prayer milestone: Carmella Ngongo, Ellie Chan, Everly Gagnon, Knox Trent, Leo Kissinger, Margo Fix, Michael Hurley, Nikhil Mujumdar, Rafael Carlstrom, and Wendy Klobucher.*

Loving Across Our Differences: Personal Stories | Today and Sun, Feb 11th & 18th, 10:45am | 7 Howe | *This is a reminder for those who have pre-registered for this series.*

Global & Regional Outreach Potluck & Prayer | Tonight 5:00-7:30pm *Join us this evening for food, fellowship and prayer. Please RSVP to Carrie Ngongo, cngongo@gmail.com.*

TODAY

Donuts with Danielle | 12:00pm–1:00pm | 11 Howe | *After second service, college-aged young people are invited to join us in 11 Howe for post-church donuts. Come to the blue house, third one from the corner on Howe. Pastor Danielle will be there, as well as the Longs! Hope to see you there!*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

No Coffee Monday this Week | *Event will resume Feb 12th, 2:30-5:00pm at Fisherman's Terminal: Café Appassionato, 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!*

Women's Bible Study | Tues, Feb 6th, 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 | 5:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall *An open-door community of Bethany. All are welcome to join us for dinner!*

Young Adult Gathering | Wed, Feb 7th, 6:30pm | Gronholz Home *Fellowship community of post-college-ish through early 30's adults. Contact Matt Miller for address or with any questions: mattm@bethanypc.org.*

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 Lent and Easter - new voices are always welcome!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Local Outreach Potluck & Prayer | Tues, Feb 6, 5:00-7:30pm |

Join us for fellowship and prayer. RSVP to Marie Fritzberg, fritzbergs@comcast.net.

Taizé Service | Wed, Feb 7th | Queen Anne United Methodist

Church | 1606 5th Ave W | Come be part of the quiet, praying, listening, singing, and candle lighting hosted the 1st Wed of every month by Bethany musicians, prayers, and members of "The Well." All are welcome to attend.

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. [Click here to sign up.](#)

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 2024-25 Fiscal Year budget. Please be praying about how you'd like to respond to God's generosity with your own gifts of gratitude.

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.

Lent Small Groups – Forming Now! | This is a great opportunity

to check out small group life together. If you are interested in joining a weekly Lenten small group, or if you would like to facilitate a group or provide a space, contact Group Life Elder, Jennifer Steenstra (jennifersteenstra.b@gmail.com) or [click here to sign up.](#)