



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Build My Life* by Matt Redman

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).

***Song** *My Lighthouse* by Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn

In my wrestling, and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa-oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea
In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa-oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness*

I will follow You, oh

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning, I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa-oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea (*Chorus*)

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms

Welcome

JJ Kissinger, Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

(As there are no worship announcements during the season of Lent, please read the back of your bulletin for news and events.)

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Hymn** #450 *Be Thou My Vision* (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

Extinguishing The Third 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

Scripture Reading [John 2:13-21](#) (Pew Bible: NT, p. 81)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Kristin Wilhite

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

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

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.**

Song *Who You Say I Am* by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh, His love for me; Oh, His love for me

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God; Yes, I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me

Yes, He died for me (*Chorus*)

I am chosen, not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me

I am who You say I am (*Repeat*)

Oh, yes, I am who You say I am (*Chorus*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Flipping The Table*

Danielle Merseles

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 *Good Good Father* by Chris Tomlin

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night

And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father

It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word (*Chorus*)

You're a good, good Mother

It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us (*Repeat*)

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak

Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still

As You call me deeper still into love, love, love (*Chorus*)

***Song** *Oh! Great Is Our God!* by Brian Eichelberger

Oh! Great is our God, so we should worship greatly

No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately

To hail the majesty of our King

So lift your voices loud as we sing

Oh! Great is our God, so let our songs be endless

So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them

So we will make it known to our kids

And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give

We will sing Your praise and pour forth Your fame

We will bless Your name

Let everyone give thanks, because our God is great

Oh! Great is our God, and we cannot contain it

We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness

His mercy covers all that He's made

Showing His glory and His grace (*Chorus*)

Benediction

Danielle Merseles

Postlude *Ebenezer* by Thomas Williams

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today: *Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults*

Leading Worship: *JJ Kissinger*

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

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TODAY

Preaching today is Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults. Leading worship today is Rev. Dr. JJ Kissinger. *JJ is a PC(USA) pastor and the Executive Director of The Light Collective, a regional nonprofit whose mission is to cultivate a hope-oriented community where families who have a child with cancer can build resilience and share delight. He lives in Shoreline with his wife, Lisa, and their children, Leo (7) and Jane (11). The Kissingers recently became members at Bethany after attending for about a year, and they are so grateful for the warm welcome they've received!*

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 5 through 6th grade are welcome to join us! We are preparing to sing on Palm Sunday.

TODAY

Congregational Meeting | 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 | 3-4:30pm | *Bring your dog(s) and join other Bethany-ites in a canine hangout at Magnuson off-leash dog park.*

“Sanctuary: Collages” Artist Gallery Reception | 12:00-2:00pm | Ramp Room Gallery | *Join artist Lisa Snow Lady in the gallery to celebrate the installation of her collection “Sanctuary: Collages.” These collages are inspired by places of worship based on travels both domestic and abroad, fashioned from discarded wall paper samples.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Mar 4th, 2:30-5:00pm | **Queen Anne Coffee Co | 2121 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!*

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 Lent 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. This art installation features pieces corresponding to the final days before Jesus’ death. Please also consider joining the volunteer team to host the Open Sanctuary times during this Lent season. Contact Carlos Rangel: carlosr@bethanypc.org.*

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 continuation of a weekly 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? How do we share the hard yet essential parts of Jesus’ sacrifice in an age-appropriate way? 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.](#)*