



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude Flute & Piano Selections *Stephanie Ngongo & 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

Jennifer Steenstra, 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** #839 *Blessed Assurance*

Extinguishing The Fourth 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

Sacrament of Baptism (9 am) *Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor*

Emerson Anne Miller, Parents: Matt & Allison Miller

Sponsors: John & Robin Bernhardt

Scripture Reading [John 3:14-21](#) (Pew Bible: NT, p. 81)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Timothy Chang

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles

[>>> 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.**

Choral Anthem *The Lord Is My Salvation*

by Kristyn & Keith Getty et al, arr. by Jay Rouse

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise; He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *Believing in The Savior*

Jeff Van Duzer

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor,
& Danielle Merseles*

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)

Choral Anthem *God So Loved The World* by John Stainer

Song *King of Kings* by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood,
& Jason Ingram

In the darkness, we were waiting, without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the Law and Prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt
*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in One
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*
To reveal the Kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died (*Chorus*)
And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name in His freedom, I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)
Praise forever to the King of Kings

***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*)

Benediction

Jeff Van Duzer

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in E minor* by J.S. Bach

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today: *Jeff Van Duzer*

Leading Worship: *Jennifer Steenstra*

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 Jennifer Steenstra. *Jennifer has been at Bethany for 30 years, and is currently serving as the elder for small groups. She works in creative communications and loves the power of a well-crafted story. She's finding joy in traveling the Lenten journey with others, and in the fragrance of blooming daphne. She's married to Paul, her favorite of all the Bethany ushers.*

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 after the Children's Message, 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.*

TODAY

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.*

All-Church Pancake Breakfast | Today after both worship services
Fellowship Hall | *Come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and help our youth! Proceeds will go toward the High School Service Trip to Yakama Reservation with Mending Wings this summer.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug | Mar 11th, 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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.](#)*

Maundy Thursday Worship | Mar 28th, 7:00pm | Bethany Sanctuary | *At this special worship service, we remember Jesus's last supper with his followers and His final command to "love one another" before making the ultimate sacrifice of love for us all.*

Easter Sunday Worship & Reception | Mar 31st, 7:15, 9:00 & 10:45am Bethany Sanctuary (9:00am online) | *Gather with us as we celebrate the Risen Christ with gratitude and hope! There will also be an Easter reception in the Fellowship Hall after the 7:15 & 9:00am services. [Click here to sign up](#) to bring something to share, or volunteer to help with set-up or serving during a morning slot.*

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.](#)*