

A stylized graphic of a palm frond with several long, narrow, green leaves extending from a central stem. The frond is positioned behind the text 'palm sunday' and is partially enclosed by a light-colored circular shape.

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sunday

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Bill Barnes, 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.)

Call to Worship – Scripture Reading [Mark 11:1-10](#)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (#197) & *Hosanna* by Paul Baloche

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best
From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait
“Hosanna in the highest,” that ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice

*Hosanna, Hosanna! You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises*

*Hosanna, Hosanna! Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus (Repeat)*

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

Passing the Peace of Christ

Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor

Choral Anthem

With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise
Traditional / Arr. by Keith Christopher

*Chancel Choir,
Kids Choir, Bells*

Song *Hosanna* by Brooke Ligertwood

Solo by Julia Blankenship

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (*Chorus*)

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity (*Chorus*)

Extinguishing The Sixth 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

Children's Message

Alan Beasley

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 *King of My Heart* by John Mark McMillan & Sarah McMillan

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run

The fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide

The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song

You are good, good, oh (4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails

The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins

The echo of my days; oh, He is my song (*Chorus*)

You're never gonna let

Never gonna let me down (*4x, Chorus*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

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

Sermon *Who Is This Jesus? Not in A Hurry*

Doug Kelly

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Doug Kelly & 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)

Song *Here I Am to Worship* by Tim Hughes

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

*So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (*Repeat, Chorus*)

***Song** *Revelation Song* by Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything, and I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be to You the only wise King (*Chorus*)
Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery (*Chorus*)

Benediction *Doug Kelly*

Postlude *Sylvia Oines*

Preaching Today: *Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor*

Leading Worship: *Rev. Dr. Bill Barnes*

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 Rev. Dr. Bill Barnes. *Bill is honorably retired as a PCUSA pastor and has served four churches in Southern California. He received a master's degree in marriage and family counseling, and he also had a therapeutic practice for ten years at California Christian Counseling Center in Van Nuys.*

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 third song, before scripture.*
- **10:45am:** *Classes for preschoolers, and Godly Play for kindergartners through 3rd graders after the third song, before scripture. 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.*

Hanging Flower Baskets – Pick up Today | Fellowship Hall | *If you ordered a flower basket in support of the high school summer service trip, please remember to pick it up in the Fellowship Hall today. If you didn't get a chance to order, we have extras for sale! They are \$50 each.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug | Mar 25th, 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.*

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

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. This art installation features pieces corresponding to the final days before Jesus' death.*

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.](#)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bethany Clothing Swap | Apr 27th | 10am-2pm | Fellowship Hall |
Drop your items at church, between services, during the month of April. On the Clothing Swap day-of, come and shop 'til you drop FOR FREE! Want to help with this event? [Sign up here.](#)

Marriage: Flourishing, Floundering, and Formation | May 10th, 7-9pm & May 11th, 9am-3pm |
You and your spouse are invited to register for a marriage enrichment retreat, held at Bethany, and led by Margie and Jeff Van Duzer. Drawing on scripture, marriage research, and their own personal experiences, Margie and Jeff will explore different topics including spiritual friendship, sexual companionship and working together. All stages of marriage – from newlyweds to those who have been married for decades – are invited to attend! [Click here for more info & to register.](#)

Middle School Camp | June 26th - 30th | Register by March 30th |
Camp will include group games, water activities, supervised free time, art, daily worship, devotional time, and small groups led by Bethany youth leaders and staff. This is a great opportunity for your student to grow in their community at Bethany and deepen their relationship with Jesus. [Click here for more info & to register.](#)

Vacation Bible Camp at Bethany | July 22-26, 9am-12pm |
This year's theme is SPACE: God's Love is Everywhere! Join us this summer as we encounter the God of the Universe and discover what it means to shine like stars. We will sing, dance, learn, craft, and run around while we delight in God's beautiful creation. No cost to attend, but volunteers needed! [Click here for more info & to register.](#)

HS Service Trip with Mending Wings | August 11-16 | Register by March 30th |
We will be serving this summer with our ministry partner, Mending Wings, on the Yakama Reservation. This trip will include community service projects during the day, late afternoon game time, evening cultural activities and crafts, worship, and small groups. [Scan here for more info and to register.](#)