

# The Pull of Jesus

Where is Jesus Drawing You?

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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**Prelude** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. by Marianne Kim Sylvia Oines,

**\*Hymn 321** *The Church's One Foundation* (Verses 1, 2, & 5)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is his new creation by water and the word  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died  
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued  
Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and the lowly, may live eternally

**Welcome**

*Charlie Montagner*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you! *People:* And also with you!

**Call to Worship**

**\*Song** *All Things New*

Come broken and weary, come battered and bruised  
My Jesus makes all things new, all things new  
Come lost and abandoned, come blown by the wind.  
He'll bring you back home again, home again

*Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake! The light of the dawn is upon you  
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake! He makes all things new, all things new*

Come frozen with shame, come burning with guilt  
My Jesus He loves you still, loves you still (*Chorus*)

The world was good, the world is fallen, the world will be redeemed (x2)

So hold on to the promise the stories are true  
That Jesus makes all things new

He makes all things new! All things new. All things new  
He makes all things new

**\*Song** *When the Light is Gone* by Paul Zach

The tender mercy of our God still holds us when the light is gone  
His guiding hand and guarding rod are with us as we wait for dawn  
Oh, though sorrow entered with the night  
Oh yet even now we know His light

His love is steady as the stars whose ancient light is burning still  
He walks beside us in the dark, the emptiness within us fills  
Oh, though night is long He's with us now  
Oh, in mercy's everlasting hour

As every night will have its end, we know the sun will have to rise  
Our loving Lord will take our hands and wipe the tears from every eye  
Oh for Christ has gone, the day draws near  
Oh and even now He meets us here

### **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.

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### **Scripture Reading** John 3:1-21 (Pew Bible: NT p. 81)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### **Children's Message**

*John Berhardt*

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Silent Listening**

### **Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness**

### **Offering: Responding to God's Great Love**

*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.

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### **Song** *Lord Have Mercy* by Matt Papa & Matt Boswell

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy

For envy and pride, for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us*

For what You have done, Your life of love You perfectly lived  
We praise You; Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes  
You finished the work God gave You

And there on the tree, a King among thieves  
You bled for a world's betrayal; You loved to the end  
Our merciful friend: How pure and forever faithful (*Chorus*)

For hearts that are cold, for seizing control  
For scorning our very maker. In thought, word and deed  
We've failed You, our King, how deeply we need a Savior (*Chorus*)

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Ushers*

## **Our Prayers to God**

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

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

## **Sermon** *The Pull of Jesus: Believing*

*Jeff Van Duzer*

## **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (p. 35 in hymnal)

*Please come forward to form two lines. To celebrate the sacrament, you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup of grape juice, 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 in the first pew for intercessory prayer. You may wait seated in the first pew (near the center) for the prayer leader to join you.*

## **Song** *In Christ Alone* By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand  
In Christ alone who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died. The love of God was magnified

For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live  
There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day. Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ  
No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no human plan can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home. Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand

**\*Song** *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* by Keith Getty et al.

What is our hope in life and death; Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence; that our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand; what comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end; the love of Christ in which we stand  
*O sing Hallelujah, our hope springs eternal. O sing Hallelujah*  
What truth can calm the troubled soul; God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known; In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise; Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh. Unto the shore, the rock of Christ (*Chorus*)  
*Now and ever we confess. Christ our hope in life and death*

**Benediction**

*Jeff Van Duzer*

**Postlude**

*Sylvia Oines*

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**Preaching Today:** *Jeff Van Duzer*

**Leading Worship:** *Charlie Montagner*

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

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# TODAY

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**Preaching today is Jeff Van Duzer** *Jeff is a long-time member who has been preaching regularly at Bethany for over forty years. As he settles into retirement, he is enjoying friends, slower starts to the day, his Kindle, volunteering, neighborhood walks, and more time with his kids and their families. Margie and he have two adult sons, two daughters-in-law, and three delightful grandchildren.*

**Leading worship is Charlie Montagner**

## **Children's Programming**

- **Childcare** *is available for children ages 2 years and younger in room #102, and children ages 3-5 in room #103 at the beginning of both services.*
- **9:00am Worship** *has individual classes for kids 3 years old through 5th grade after the Children's Message.*
- **10:45am Worship** *has classes for preschoolers, and Godly Play for kindergartners through 3rd graders after the Children's Message. 4th and 5th graders will stay in the sanctuary with their families, or volunteer!*

**Middle School Sunday School (6th – 8th graders) | During the 9 am service**  
*| Exit after the Children's Message and head to the youth house (11 Howe) for a lesson, games, and time to hang out together.*

**Children's Choir | 10:25am | 7 Howe Main Floor** *| Children ages 5 through 6th grade are invited to learn music skills from our worship director, Carlos Rangel.*

**Prayer for our City, Nation, World | Every Sunday | 10:20am - 10:40am**  
*| 7 Howe Basement | Join us for 20 minutes of prayer between services to pray for government leaders and those impacted by their decisions and for God's guidance, mercy, and justice.*

**Stations/Movements: Jesus as Migrant | Sanctuary Installment** *| In lieu of the traditional Stations of the Cross, this year tells a larger story of Jesus' life and ministry, death and resurrection – as a Messiah on the move who crosses every border and identifies with the displaced. Curated by Jenn Cavanaugh and the Arts Team.*

**The Ramp Room Gallery | Remnants: Collages by Jeff Benesi** *created with paint chips from his Black Portrait Series.*

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## REGULAR GATHERINGS

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**Coffee Mondays with Pastor Doug** | Mar 2nd, 2:30-5:00pm | Ballard, Victrola Coffee Roasters 2060 NW Market St, Seattle, WA 98107

*Stop by for a one-on-one chat with Doug on anything, no appointment required.*

**BPYG** | Tues, Mar 3rd & Thurs, Mar 5th | Youth House (11 Howe)

- If you are a High School Student, join us for Youth Group on Tues, 7-8:30p
- If you are a Middle School Student, join us for Youth Group on Thurs, 7-8:30p

**Young Adult Gathering** | Wed, Mar 4th, 6:30pm | Bethany's YA

*Gathering meets on the 1st & 3rd Wed of each month, dinner provided. If you are postcollege-ish thru early 30's-ish, this group is for you. For address or questions, email Matt Miller at [mattm@bethanypc.org](mailto:mattm@bethanypc.org).*

**Chancel Choir** | Thurs, Mar 5th, 7pm | Sanctuary | Join the choir this season! We are open to anyone, whether you have a musical background or not. Just bring your heart for singing. Contact [carlosr@bethanypc.org](mailto:carlosr@bethanypc.org) with questions.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**BPYG Yardwork Fundraiser** | Do you need some yardwork done this spring? We're organizing three yardwork fundraisers for BPYG youth who are going on the mission trip this summer. The cost to you is \$100 per worker. Each work party comes with one adult worker/supervisor and a various number of youth workers depending upon your projects needs. We work three hours, 9 to noon on Saturdays. If you're interested in a youth work party, contact Kristin @ [kristinwilhite@gmail.com](mailto:kristinwilhite@gmail.com) Saturdays available: 3/21, 4/4, 4/11, 5/2 and 5/16

**Gratitude & Commitment** | If you didn't get a chance to complete your Estimate of Giving card, click [HERE](#) to fill out a digital card. Also, cards are available in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

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**World Relief Drive | Sun, Mar 8th** | We have an urgent request from World Relief for household items for asylee families moving into housing. You can bring items to Bethany or order online for delivery directly to WR. Click [HERE](#) for the amazon wishlist. Contact [mariefritzberg@gmail.com](mailto:mariefritzberg@gmail.com) with questions.

*\*\*If ordering on Amazon or other online retailer, send to: World Relief Western Washington, Attn: Jumagull Hashemi 23835 Pacific Highway S, Suite 100 Kent, WA 98032*

**Super Special Second Sunday Pancake Fundraiser!** | Sun, Mar 8th, after both services | Fellowship Hall | Join us for a pancake breakfast fundraiser, hosted by Bethany Youth. Yum!

**Hanging Baskets Fundraiser** | Pre-order by Mar 22nd | Just in time for spring - Bethany High Schoolers are selling hanging flower baskets to raise funds for their service trip to Los Angeles this summer! Scan the QR code at the top of the page for more info.

**Bethany Concerts Presents - Requiem: The Lamentations of Rufina Amaya** | Sun, Mar 22nd, 5pm | Bethany Sanctuary | *The Requiem Las Lamentaciones de Rufina Amaya* composed by Carlos Colón, a refugee from El Salvador, will be performed by the Bethany Choir & Orchestra.

**Bethany Women's Retreat Formed by Grace: Living Jesus's Story as We Live Our Own** | Apr 17th-19th | Camp Arnold - Eatonville | Join for a weekend of rest, reflection, and community. Rev. Eliana Maxim, Co-Executive of the Seattle Presbytery will guide us through reflection, worship, and shared time. Scan the QR code at the top of the bulletin for more info.

### **Bethany Children and Youth Summer Activities**

*Registration is now available via the QR code at the top of the page*

- **Middle School Camp** | July 13th-17th | Incoming 6th-8th graders
- **High School Service Trip** | July 26th-31st | Incoming 9th-12th graders
- **Vacation Bible Camp** | Aug 3rd-7th | 3 y/o's- incoming 5th graders