



**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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## **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).*

## **Prelude**

*Carlos Rangel*

**\*Song** *House of The Lord* by Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith

We worship the God who was

We worship the God who is

We worship the God who evermore will be

He opened the prison doors

He parted the raging sea

My God, He holds the victory

*There's joy in the house of the Lord*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord today*

*And we won't be quiet; we shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord*

*Our God is surely in this place*

*And we won't be quiet; we shout out Your praise*

We sing to the God who heals

We sing to the God who saves

We sing to the God who always makes a way

'Cause He hung up on that cross

Then He rose up from that grave

My God's still rolling stones away (*Chorus*)

We were the beggars, now we're royalty

We were the prisoners, now we're running free

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace

Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*Repeat, Chorus x2*)

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

*Elsie McFarland, Worship Leader*

## **Welcome**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you!

*People:* And also with you!

## **Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn** #625 *How Great Thou Art (Verses 1-3)*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee*

*How great Thou art, how great Thou art (Repeat)*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze (*Chorus*)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin (*Chorus*)

**\*Song** *How Great Is Our God*

by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, & Ed Cash

*How great is our God, sing with me*

*How great is our God, and all will see*

*How great, how great is our God!*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise

My heart will sing, how great is our God! (*Repeat, Chorus*)

## **Silent Listening**

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

**Scripture Reading** [Mark 6:30-34](#) (Pew Bible: NT, p. 35-36)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Message**

*Alan Beasley*

**Our Prayers to God** Marisa Gronholz, Director of Formation & Outreach

[>> 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.**

**Hymn** #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Ushers*

**Sermon** *Sheep without a Shepherd*

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

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

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

*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.*

**Song** *O Come to The Altar*

by Mack Brock, Chris Brown, & Steven Furtick

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide*

*Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling (*Chorus*)  
Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen; bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all; sing alleluia, Christ is risen (*Repeat, Chorus*)  
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

**\*Song** *Reckless Love* By Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver, & 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 kind 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*)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Carlos Rangel*

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

**Leading Worship:** *Elsie McFarland*

**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 Danielle Marseles, Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults, and leading worship is Elsie McFarland.** *Elsie is currently serving as youth intern this summer, alongside Maddie Matson. She thoroughly enjoys working with the youth of Bethany, and being involved in the church community in any capacity. Elsie is headed into her second year at Whitworth University, where she will be serving as an RA and continuing her studies in Health Sciences.*

### **Children's Programming**

- **Childcare:** *Ages 2 years and younger in room #102 at the beginning of both services.*
- **10:00am:** *Classes for children 3 years old through 5th grade after the Children's Message. Parents of preschoolers, please accompany kids to their room.*

**Youth Programming** | *When the children are dismissed, middle schoolers walk to the Youth House together from the back of the Sanctuary.*

**All-Church Read Group Discussion** | *Join us out on the lawn after worship today for a group discussion on Chapter 5 from our book, "Empowered to Repair."*

**Dedicated Prayer for Bethany's Leadership & Ministries** | *Today at 11:30am | 7 Howe | You are invited to join our Dedicated Prayer group as we meet to pray for our church, leadership, and ministries.*

**Rose on The Lectern** | *In celebration of the birth of Asa Theodore Chan on Sunday, July 14. Congratulations to parents Matthew Karolak and Jeremy Chan.*

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## REGULAR GATHERINGS

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**No Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug** | *Event will resume August 5, 2:30-5:00pm at Fisherman's Terminal Café Appassionato, with Pastor Doug.*

**Wednesday Night Dinner** | 5:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

*An open-door community dinner at Bethany. All are welcome to join. This event is off in August.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Click Here for Sign-Ups & Information for  
Upcoming Events Listed Below](#)

**Prayers and Snacks for Vacation Bible Camp** | July 22-26 | *Please be praying for God's provision and protection next week, and that Vacation Bible Camp is a special time for all involved. We're also looking for help providing snacks for our 40 volunteers. Snack sign up can be found in your E-News or contact Colleen: [Colleenharriott@gmail.com](mailto:Colleenharriott@gmail.com).*

**Bethany Polar Plunge** | July 27, 9-10:30am | Golden Gardens Park  
*Join us for a mid-summer "polar plunge" at Golden Gardens Park (meet near playground and walk together to the water).*

**"There is Always Light" II Gallery Reception** | Fri, Aug 2nd, 6-8pm  
*Experience and discuss Bethany artist Jeff Benesi's continuing portrait series featuring Black Americans who have made notable contributions to the ongoing struggle for racial justice and civil rights.*

**Discovery Park Low-Tide Walk** | Aug 4, 1-3pm | Discovery Park  
*Join marine biologist Mark Plunkett on a low-tide walk around the Discovery Park Lighthouse! All ages are welcome to explore and learn about the creatures and features of this beautiful tidal zone.*

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**All-Church Picnic** | Sun, Aug 25, 12:00pm | Woodland Park | Come enjoy a picnic with your whole church family – in nearby Woodland Park. Fun, food, fellowship, and fresh air are promised. More details with sign-ups for food items will be communicated later this summer.

**SWS School Supply Drive** | Jul 29 – Aug 28 | It's time again for our annual school supply drive for Seattle World School/Kandelina. SWS serves and supports a diverse cross-section of students, including new refugees and immigrants. They've created a wishlist on Amazon to make it easy to donate – please follow the [Amazon link](#) to purchase and send your supplies.

**Men's Retreat - Save The Date** | Sept 27-29 | Join us at the iconic Camp Casey on Whidbey Island for a weekend of fellowship, rest, friendship, worship, and growth. Early bird registration opens August 1st; cost is \$195.