



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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 *Peace Like a River*

Sylvia Oines

African-American Spiritual
arr. by Sondra Tucker

Welcome

Jenn Cavanaugh, Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***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

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*)

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross (*Repeat, Chorus*)

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

***VBC Song** *This Is the Day* Trad. hymn

VBC Choir

*This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice as we lift His name
This is the day that the Lord has made
Come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it
Whether the sun will shine
Whether the skies will rain
I know that You are good
And this is the day You made
Whether in life or death
Whether in joy or pain
I know this truth remains
That this is the day You made (Chorus)
Now I can walk in faith
You will protect my way
Your every work is good
And this is the day You made
I am a child of Yours
You are the One who saves
I am redeemed by love
And this is the day You made (Chorus)*

***VBC Song** *He Is the Light* by Jay Stocker

*Jesus is the one who lights our way
He gives us hope for each new day
When the world feels dark and lonely
His love illuminates
He's the one I trust, and I will follow Him
He is the light that
Breaks through the darkness
Follow His lead and light it up, light it up
Jesus will guide us
Through every dark time
Follow His lead and light it up
Light up the world*

I'm gonna follow Jesus
Wherever He will lead me
I'm gonna follow Jesus all the way
I'm gonna follow Jesus
Wherever He will lead me
I'm gonna follow Jesus all the way

Children's Message

Stephanie Ngongo

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 (Pew Bible: NT, p. 17-18)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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 *Do with It What You Will*

by Nick Chambers, Leslie Jordan & Kate Bluett

You have given all to me
To You, O Lord, I return it
Everything I have is Yours
Do with it what You will

You will gather all of me
Every gift, every burden
Every day and every hour
Do with it what You will

*I lift it up; I lay it down at your table
Multiply my sacrifice; for you are able*

I will take my daily cross
Every step of the journey
I will bear it for Your sake
Do with it what You will (*Chorus*)

Take my laughter and my loss
Make them tools of Your mercy
Anything my hands can make
Do with it what You will

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles, Associate Pastor

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Sermon *A Buried Hatchet*

Nora Pratt

***Hymn** #445 *God, How Can We Forgive*

Benediction

Postlude *Marching in the Light of God*
African-American Spiritual
arr. by John Behnke

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today: *Nora Pratt*

Leading Worship: *Jenn Cavanaugh*

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

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TODAY

Preaching today is Nora Pratt. *Nora (18) is a recent graduate of Lincoln High School who has been attending Bethany for 5 years now. She was born in Seattle and moved to live in Paris from 2nd to 7th grade, where she learned French and gained a great deal of knowledge of cheese before moving home again. When not participating in some of her hobbies, which include theater, creative writing, and skiing, she can often be found consuming alarming amounts of coffee at a local cafe. She will be majoring in Astronautical Engineering at Purdue University this fall.*

Leading worship today is Jenn Cavanaugh. *Jenn is a freelance writer, editor, and teacher who lives on Queen Anne with her husband, Jason Pratt, and teenaged kids, Nora and Teagan.*

Children's Programming

- **Childcare:** *Ages 2 years and younger in room #102 at the beginning of the service.*
- **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.*

Prayer Gathering for our Church, City, Country, and World | *Today from 11:30am-12:30pm | Parlor | There is a lot to be praying for both inside the walls of Bethany and beyond these walls in our city, state, country, and across the globe. Join Lynne Baab in praying for some of the most pressing issues plaguing our world today.*

All-Church Read Discussion and Q&A with Dr. Brenda | *Sun, Aug 4, 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Hall | Join us for this special session with Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, author of our All-Church Read book "Empowered to Repair: Becoming People Who Mend Broken Systems and Repair Our Communities." This is an incredible opportunity to hear Dr. Brenda speak and get the chance to engage with the author herself!*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

No Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug | *Event will resume Mon, Aug 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 the final dinner for this year - an indoor picnic. WND breaks for all of August.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

"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.

All-Church Picnic | Sun, Aug 25, 12-3pm | Woodland Park | *Come enjoy a picnic with your whole church family - in nearby Woodland Park (shelter #3). Watch the bulletin for what to bring (food and camp chairs) and how to help! Questions? Contact Michelle McFarland: michelle.mcfarland@gmail.com*

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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mending the Soul Group for Women | Starting Sep 10, 4pm-5:30pm |
Mending the Soul is a curriculum offering sound biblical teaching combined with the best of social science to help us name our abuses and trauma we have suffered and provides a pathway to understanding and healing. We still have a few spots available to join this small group - contact Caroline Plummer: carolinejplummer@gmail.com; all communications are confidential.

Men's Retreat - Save The Date | Sep 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.*