



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

Welcome

Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Song** *Goodness of God* by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram,
Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

I love You, Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God (*Chorus*)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (*Repeat Bridge*)

***Song** *Cornerstone*

by Bethel Music, Reuben Morgan & Brittany Mondesir

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (*Repeat*)
Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)
When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne (*Chorus*)

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:14-20 (Pew Bible: OT, p. 9)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Godly Play

Dianne Ross

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 *Open Up* by David Gungor & John Arndt

You heard the cry of our hearts, and You came down
Freely You gave us Your love, showing us how

*Make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is darkness, let me shine light
And may Your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark*

All that we do without love, it means nothing
Grant us the courage to give as You're calling (*Chorus*)

Hope for the hopeless, Your love is
Strength in our weakness, Your love is
May we love as You love (*Repeat*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

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

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

Sermon *Forming a People for God:
"Abram and Sarai"*

Derick Harris

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 *Come to The Table* by Kyle Turver

Come to the table all who are able
Bring all your weary, your sick, and your poor
Come to the table as you are able
There is eternally a place for you
Come taste the feast of heaven made new
Come to the table, come to the table
Come taste the depth of God's love for you (Repeat)

***Song** *Yes And Amen*

By Anthony Brown, Nate Moore, & Chris McClarney

Father of kindness, You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy, You're my help in time of need
Lord, I can't help but sing
Faithful, You are
Faithful, forever You will be
Faithful, You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
Beautiful Savior, You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse
Blessed Redeemer, You have set this captive free
Lord, I can't help but sing (*Chorus*)
I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness
I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness (*Repeat, Chorus x2*)

Benediction

Postlude

Preaching Today: *Derick Harris*

Leading Worship: *Doug Kelly, Senior Pastor*

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

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TODAY

Preaching today is Rev. Derick Harris. *Derick is a Seattle native and an ordained minister of The Gospel. His passion for education, community development, and Christ's Church are evident from his years of service in underrepresented contexts and community engagement. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Northwest University and his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Education at Seattle Pacific University. Derick is the Associate Dean of Seminary Administration at Seattle Pacific University and an Associate Minister at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship in Kent, WA.*

Leading worship today is Senior Pastor Doug Kelly. *Doug has been senior pastor here since 2013. His new healthy habit from two years of COVID is early morning bike rides. He and his wife, Jean, enjoy Sunday Zoom calls with their three children, their spouses, and their granddaughter.*

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.*

TODAY

Godly Play in Worship | *Throughout the month of August, we will again have the opportunity to experience Godly Play during our children's message time. This year, the theme is "Forming a People for God." Please note – we'll be using the big screen during worship so everyone can see the Godly Play story, and then it will be removed from the sanctuary.*

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

All-Church Read – Discussion and Q & A with Dr. Brenda | **Today, 11:30a-12:30p | Fellowship Hall** | *Come hear from Dr. Brenda Salter-McNeil, the author of "Empowered to Repair," our summer all-church read. You will not want to miss this opportunity to ask questions and hear from the author herself!*

Discovery Park Low-Tide Walk | **Today, 1:30-3:30pm | 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. Meet at 1:30ish at the beach by the drinking fountain near the lighthouse. There will not be a shuttle bus on Sunday, but a few cars can shuttle people to the beach from the Discovery Center with the driver parking in the north parking lot and walking to the beach.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug | **Aug 5, 2:30-5:00pm | Fisherman's Terminal Café Appassionato, 4001 21st Ave W** | *Stop by to share any questions, joys, or concerns about your own life or Bethany's.*

No Wednesday Night Dinner | *WND breaks for all of August, and will resume on September 4 at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

Volunteer Needed – Bulletin Folding | Our dear friend and volunteer, Iris Escobar Leon, is moving at the end of August, and we will be sorry to see her go! She has been faithfully folding bulletins on Thursdays since December. If you would be willing to step into this role, contact reidc@bethanypc.org.

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 – Registration is Open | Sep 27-29 | Camp Casey | Join us at the iconic Camp Casey on Whidbey Island for a weekend of fellowship, rest, friendship, worship, and growth. Our theme: "Did Jesus Really Expect That?" This year's speaker is Bob Drovdahl, emeritus professor of Educational Ministry at SPU and active congregant at Bethany since 2012. Early bird registration is now open; cost is \$195. After September 1, registration cost is \$215.