



**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**    *Selections for Cello & Piano*    by J.S. Bach    *Ellie Chan, cello & Sylvia Oines, piano*

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

*Leader:* The Lord be with you!

*People:* And also with you!

**Moment for Men's Retreat**    *Ken Jordan, Wednesday Night Dinner Director*

**Commissioning Youth Mission**    *Danielle Merseles*

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Call to Worship**

**\*Song**    *Great Are You Lord*    by Jason Ingram et al.

You give life; You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope

You restore ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are You, Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs*

*So we pour out our praise*

*We pour out our praise*

*It's Your breath in our lungs*

*So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

**\*Song** *Oh! Great Is Our God!* by Brian Eichelberger

Oh! Great is our God, so we should worship greatly  
No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately  
To hail the majesty of our King  
So lift your voices loud as we sing  
Oh! Great is our God, so let our songs be endless  
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them  
So we will make it known to our kids  
And we will sing about the gracious gifts You give  
*We will sing Your praise and pour forth Your fame  
We will bless Your name  
Let everyone give thanks, because our God is great*  
Oh! Great is our God, and we cannot contain it  
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness  
His mercy covers all that He's made  
Showing His glory and His grace (*Chorus*)

### **Silent Listening**

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

### **Godly Play**

*Debbie Campbell*

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 4:10-17 (Pew Bible: OT, p. 47-48)

*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.

**Hymn** #69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Verses 1 & 2)*

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them  
Whom shall I send

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send (*Chorus*)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Ushers*

**Our Prayers to God**

*Doug Kelly*

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

**Sermon** *The Not Special, Special*

*Maddie Matson*

**Hymn** *Lead Me, Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness  
Make Thy way plain before my face  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only  
That maketh me dwell in safety (*Repeat*)

**\*Hymn** #69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Verse 3)*

I, the Lord of wind and flame



I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

**Benediction**

*Maddie Matson*

**Postlude** *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* arr. by Mark Sedio *Sylvia Oines*

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**Preaching Today:** *Maddie Matson*

**Leading Worship:** *Danielle Merseles, Assoc. Pastor  
of Youth & Young Adults*

**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 Maddie Matson,** *who has been attending Bethany for about 7 years. She just finished her freshman year of college at the University of Portland where she is studying political science. Maddie is an intern for the youth program at Bethany this summer alongside her longtime bestie, Elsie McFarland. Maddie enjoys being active and spending time with her family, especially her 3 year old little sister, Marion.*

**Leading worship today is Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Danielle Merseles.**

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## TODAY

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### **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.*

**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.*

**Tower Doors & Fellowship on the Lawn |** *Please note that the steeple restoration project has begun, and the tower doors are not accessible during this time. If you're attending Fellowship on the Lawn after worship, please leave through the sanctuary doors or the Fellowship Hall lobby (ramp for those with mobility issues) and head over from there. We hope you'll join us for connection and refreshment (plus a special treat today - root beer floats!).*

**Presentation with Anne Thomas | 11:30am-12:30pm | 7 Howe |** *Come and hear from our long-term outreach partner, Anne Thomas, about her literacy work in SE Asia. Anne will also be giving our News From the Front in the Sunday morning service on August 25th, but today is a great way to hear more in depth about her work!*

**Staffing Task Force Information & Listening Session | 11:30am-12:15pm Parlor |** *Join the members of Session's Staffing Task Force in the Parlor to hear about their process of examining our staff structure in order to recommend some staffing hour reductions. Bring your curiosity, insights, suggestions and prayers. A second gathering will be held Sunday, September 15th, 10:45 - 11:30am, in the Parlor.*

**Neighborhood Prayer Walks/Gatherings | 1:00-2:30pm | Various Locations |** *Join a prayer walk in Queen Anne, Laurelhurst/NE Seattle, or gather online. Details on where to meet (or Zoom link if online) can be found on our website – click the banner at the top of our home page.*

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**High School Service Trip – Mending Wings** | *Today, 24 high school students and 7 leaders will travel to Yakima, WA to participate in service and learning with our indigenous ministry partner, Mending Wings. Please pray for them today through Friday! Attending are students Mary Catherine Beard, Arlan Campbell, Corban Campbell, Sonja Edmondson, Tony Fues, Luke Hess, Inga Johnston, Xavier Jones, Seth Langford, Hannah Langford, Iliana Marshall, Etta Marston, Addie Marston, Liam Martin, Rhett Miller, James Montagner, Stephanie Ngongo, Alex Nguyen, Larkin Omenn, Teagan Pratt, Eliana Russo, Casey Ross Spiers, Noah Tribble, and Max Wilhite; and leaders Danielle Merseles, Jenn Burkland, Timothy Chang, Dan Johnston, Sinclair Ralston, Sophie Snow, and Steven Westburg.*

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## REGULAR GATHERINGS

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**Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug** | Aug 12, 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.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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[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). Check out the bulletin insert for more information on what to bring and how to help! Questions? Contact Michelle McFarland: [michelle.mcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mcfarland@gmail.com).*

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**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@bethanyipc.org](mailto:reidc@bethanyipc.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](mailto:carolinejplummer@gmail.com); all communications are confidential.*

**Middle East: History and Current Peacemaking Organizations | Sep 15, 22, & 29th, 9:00am | Parlor** | *The situation in the Middle East is both heartbreaking and often times confusing. Join SPU History professor Alissa Walter for a special two-part class to learn more about the history of the conflict, followed by a third week led by Tim and Kerry Dearborn highlighting peacemaking organizations and initiatives in the region as well as a time of prayer. Contact Marisa with questions: [marisag@bethanyipc.org](mailto:marisag@bethanyipc.org).*

**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.*