



Sermon On the Mount:  
*LIFE IN A CONTRAST COMMUNITY*

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**    *There is a Balm in Gilead*  
arr. by Robert Buckley Farlee

*Marci Wolff, Clarinet*  
*Sylvia Oines, Organ*

**\*Song**    *Blessed Assurance*

by Phoebe Palmer Knapp, Fanny Jane Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song*  
*Praising my Savior all the day long*  
*This is my story, this is my song*  
*Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love (*Chorus*)

**\*Hymn**    #837    *Leaning on The Everlasting Arms (Verses 1 & 3)*

**Welcome**

*Kay Westburg, Worship Leader*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you!

*People:* And also with you!

**Small Group Formation**

*Jennifer Steenstra, Elder*

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Song** *Bless God* by Brooke Ligertwood

Blessed are those who run to Him  
Who place their hope and confidence in Jesus  
He won't forsake them  
Blessed are those who seek His face  
Who bend their knee and fix their gaze on Jesus  
They won't be shaken

*Come on and praise the Lord with me  
Sing if you love His name  
Come on and lift your voice with me  
He's worthy of all our praise*

Blessed are those who walk with Him  
Whose hearts are set on pilgrimage with Jesus  
They'll see His glory; Blessed are those who die to live  
Whose joy it is to give it all for Jesus  
And for Him only, oh, Jesus all for Your glory (*Chorus*)

Bless God in the sanctuary  
Bless God in the fields of plenty  
Bless God in the darkest valley  
Every chance I get, I bless Your name

Bless God when my hands are empty  
Bless God with a praise that costs me  
Bless God when nobody's watching  
Every chance I get, I bless Your name

Bless God when the weapon's forming  
Bless God when the walls are falling  
Bless God 'cause He goes before me  
Every chance I get, I bless Your name

Bless God for He holds the vict'ry  
Bless God for He's always with me  
Bless God for He's always worthy  
Every chance I get, I bless Your name  
Every chance I get, I bless Your name (*Chorus*)

He's worthy of all our praise (x2)

## **Silent Listening**

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

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible: NT, p. 3-4)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Message**

*Katie Douglass*

## **Our Prayers to God**

*Marisa Gronholz*

[>> 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.**

## **Song** *Unwavering* by Matt Maher.

Blessed are the poor, the kingdom is theirs

Alive in the promise to be dead to the world

Blessed are the meek in awe of You Father

The Word at Your right hand, Spirit of truth

*Unwavering is Your voice, unwavering is Your hand*

*Unwavering is the heart that bled for the sins of man*

*Unwavering is Your will, unwavering is Your plan*

*The fount of salvation on which we will stand*

Blessed are the righteous on bended knee

Found in this freedom committed to You

Bless'd are those who see the heights of glory

Found in the valley and suff'ring for You (*Chorus*)

Send us out to be Your hands and feet (*Repeat*)

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Ushers*

## **Sermon** *The Beatitudes*

*Doug Kelly*

## **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** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* by Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory  
Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished  
I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom

### **\*Song** *Good Grace* by Joel Houston

People come together, strange as neighbors, our blood is one  
Children of generations, of every nation of Kingdom come  
*Don't let your heart be troubled, hold your head up high  
Don't fear no evil; fix your eyes on this one truth  
God is madly in love with you  
Take courage hold on be strong, remember where our help comes from  
Jesus, our redemption, our salvation, is in His blood  
Jesus, Light of heaven, friend forever, His Kingdom come (Chorus)  
Swing wide, all you heavens  
Let the praise go up as the walls come down  
All creation, everything with breath repeat the sound*

All His children, clean hands, pure hearts, good grace, good God  
His Name is Jesus (*Repeat, Verse 2*)

**Benediction**

*Doug Kelly*

**Postlude** *Trumpet Tune on "Old Hundredth"*  
arr. by David Lasky

*Sylvia Oines*

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**Preaching Today:** *Doug Kelly*

**Leading Worship:** *Kay Westburg*

**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 Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly, and leading worship is Kay Westburg.** *Kay and her husband, Dave, have been part of Bethany since 1992. Kay and Dave have three children: two who grew up here at Bethany and one who joined their family in high school. Kay has served Bethany in various children's and youth programs and as an Elder. She currently runs enrollment, student billing, and tuition assistance at Bellevue Christian School. Fun is usually anything outside (often with a dog on a leash, in the garden, out running, hiking or biking).*

**Fall Sermon Series | The Sermon On The Mount: Life In a Contrast Community.** *As a companion to our sermon series you may consider reading weekly through the book *Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together*, a collection of short reflections by theologians through the ages. Queen Anne Book Company is offering a 20% discount. Walk-in, or email [qabc@qabookco.com](mailto:qabc@qabookco.com) and ask for the Bethany group discount.*

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### **Children's Programming**

- **Childcare** is available for children ages 2 years and younger in room #102 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.

**Middle East: History and Current Peacemaking Organizations | Sept 15, 22, & Oct 6th, 9:00am | Parlor** | Join SPU History professor Alissa Walter for a special two-part history of the conflict, followed by a third week led by Tim and Kerry Dearborn. Questions? Email [marisag@bethanypc.org](mailto:marisag@bethanypc.org).

**Bethany Book Fest | After Both Services | Fellowship Hall** | We're celebrating Bethany authors with book sales and signings, and hosting a book swap. Grab a few books and/or donate any you think someone else may enjoy. We'll send any extras to local organizations including Treehouse and Books to Prisoners. We want everyone to leave with a good book or two!

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## REGULAR GATHERINGS

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**Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug | Sept 16, 2:30-5:00pm | Zoka Coffee near Univ. Village, 2901 Blakeley St** | Stop by to share any questions, joys, or concerns about your own life or Bethany's.

**Wednesday Night Dinner | 5:00-6:30pm | Fellowship Hall** | An open-door community ministry of Bethany. All are welcome to join us for dinner!

**Young Adult Gathering | Wed, Sep 18th, 6:30pm** | Fellowship community of post-college-ish through early 30's adults. Contact Matt Miller for address or with any questions: [mattm@bethanypc.org](mailto:mattm@bethanypc.org).

**Youth Group Begins | High School (all 9th-12th graders): Tues, 7-8:30pm | Middle School (all 6th-8th graders): Thurs, 7-8:30pm | Youth House (11 Howe)** | Come for some games, snacks, small groups, prayer and fun!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Choir Retreat at Bethany | Sat, Sept 21st, 9am–1pm** | *Let your heart sing out loud. Now is the perfect time to give the Bethany Choir a try. Join us Saturday Sept 21st for breakfast, lunch and lots of joyous singing.*

**Staffing Task Force Information & Listening Session | Sun, Sept 22nd, 10:45am-11:30am | Parlor** | *Join the members of Session's Staffing Task Force in the Parlor for a second gathering 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.*

**Men's Retreat | Sept 27-29 Camp Casey** | *Registration has closed, but there may still be an opportunity to join us. Contact Matt Marston at [matt.marston@gmail.com](mailto:matt.marston@gmail.com) to get on the wait list.*

**Serving Coffee after Service** | *Looking for an easy and fun way to serve? Serve coffee (and sometimes treats) through Coffee Fellowship (following either of the two services). Serve with a friend, your family, your small group, or get matched with someone. Easy instructions and training provided! Email [michelle.mcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mcfarland@gmail.com) or text 206-954-5363.*

**Fellowship Small – Prayer Walk | Saturday Sept 28th, 9:30am – 11am Seward Park** | *As the flurry of fall activities begins, you are invited to prayerfully re-center through a prayer walk at Seward Park. There will be a family-friendly version featuring stations with hands-on activities that connect to prayer, and a guided meditation walk oriented toward teens and adults. Sharing and snacks afterward. Contact Julia Sensenbrenner at [jss361@comcast.net](mailto:jss361@comcast.net).*

**Interested in Joining a Small Group?** | *As you look toward fall, is there a space in your life (or in your home group) to join with a small group to share life and faith together? Are you being invited to step into something new? Or return to something shared with others on the journey? New group sign ups coming in September. Send thoughts, questions, or ideas about leading, joining, or hosting, to Jennifer Steenstra, Group Life Elder at [jennifersteenstra.b@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersteenstra.b@gmail.com). Click the Events link to sign up!*



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**Bethany 101 | Sat, Oct 5th, 9:30am – 12:30pm | 7 Howe** | *This class is for anyone who wants to dive deeper into who we are at Bethany and explore what church membership is about. Child care is available, but must be requested by October 2nd. For more info contact Doug Kelly: [dougk@bethanypc.org](mailto:dougk@bethanypc.org), or sign-up with the Events QR code.*

**Kids Choir | Starting Sun, Oct, 6th, 10:15am-10:45am | Parlor**

*All children ages 5 through 6th grade are welcome to join. This is a great opportunity to be together and learn music skills. We will rehearse Sundays from 10:15-10:45am in the Parlor and sing in upcoming services.*

**Save The Date: 90 Year Organ Anniversary Concert | Sun, Oct 20, 4pm-5pm** | *Bethany's organ turns 90 years old! We'll have a blowout birthday concert with guest organists and our own Sylvia Oines at the helm.*