



Sermon On the Mount:
LIFE IN A CONTRAST COMMUNITY

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

***Song** *Everlasting God* by Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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Our God, You reign forever

Our hope, our strong deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles (Repeat All; Repeat Pre-chorus & Chorus)

Welcome

Lisa Dunn, Worship Leader

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Moment for Adult Education

Suzanne Lacey, Elder

Introducing Alison Witwer, Youth Ministries Associate

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

***Song** *Blessed Be Your Name* by Beth & Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be your name (*Pre-chorus, Chorus*)

You give and take away; You give and take away

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name (*Chorus*)

***Song** *10,000 Reasons* by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Chorus*)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Chorus*)

Worship Your holy name

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Silent Listening

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Mary Anne Thomas

Our Prayers to God

Danielle Merseles

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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 *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
He's worthy of all our praise

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Sermon *The Sermon on the Mount*

Doug Kelly

Matthew 5:1 – 7:29 (*The MESSAGE translation*)

***Song** *Father Let Your Kingdom Come* by Ben Cooper et al.

Hallelu, hallelujah,

Father, let Your kingdom come (Repeat)

May the works of my hands bring You joy (*Repeat x3, Chorus*)

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace (*Repeat x3*)

(Chorus x2)

You make all things new; You make all things new

In places we don't choose, You make all things new (*Chorus*)

Benediction

Doug Kelly

Postlude

Preaching Today: *Doug Kelly*

Leading Worship: *Lisa Dunn*

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

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TODAY

Preaching today is Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly, and leading worship is Lisa Dunn. *Lisa and her husband, Michael, live in Greenwood. They have two daughters in their 20s and enjoy doing fun activities with friends and family in the Puget Sound Area.*

Fall Sermon Series | The Sermon On The Mount: Life In a Contrast Community. *Join us for a deep dive into Jesus' most central teachings – The Sermon on the Mount. 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 and ask for the Bethany group discount.*

Children's Programming

- **Childcare:** *Ages 2 years and younger in room #102 at the beginning of both services.*
- **9:00am & 10:45am:** *Children 3 years old through 5th grade, exit sanctuary after the Children's Message. Parents of preschoolers, please accompany kids to their room.*

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Coffee Monday with Pastor Doug | Sept 9, 2:30-5:00pm | Queen Anne Coffee Co, 2121 Queen Anne Ave N | 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Middle East: History and Current Peacemaking Organizations | Sept 15, 22, & Oct 6th, 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 history of the conflict, followed by a third week led by Tim and Kerry Dearborn. Questions? Email marisag@bethanypc.org.*

Bethany Book Fest | Sun, Sept 15, After Both Services | *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 Books to Prisoners, a Seattle-based non-profit organization. Please drop off your donated books to the church library this morning after worship, or on Sat, Sept 14th, 9a-12p. For more information or to sign up to help, contact Marisa Gronholz at marisag@bethanypc.org.*

Children's Programing | *Regular Sunday school lessons and classes resume next week Sunday, Sept 15th for kids ages 3 through 5th grade.*

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. More details coming soon.*

Staffing Task Force Information & Listening Session | Date Changed to 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 | *Join us at iconic Camp Casey on Whidbey Island for a weekend of fellowship, rest, friendship, worship, and growth. Our theme: "Did Jesus Really Expect That?" Our speaker is Bob Drov Dahl, emeritus professor of Educational Ministry at SPU and active congregant at Bethany. Click the Events link to register for \$215.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.*

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. Click the Events link to sign up!*

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. In an informal setting, participants will learn more about the goals and vision of Bethany, what it means to be Christian, and how to get connected in the life of the church. More than that, we look forward to spending some time getting to know you! Child care is available, but must be requested by October 2nd. For more info contact Doug Kelly: dougk@bethanypc.org, or click the Events link.*

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.*