

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope

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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Before we begin worship tonight, you are invited to light a candle as a reminder of Christ's presence with you.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Into our darkness, doubt, and despair,

C **come, Christ Jesus, be our light.**

P Into our sorrow, sickness, and grief,

C **come, Christ Jesus, be our comfort.**

P Into each fear,

C **come, Christ Jesus, be our peace.**

P Into this wounded, hurting world,

C **come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.**

P When we call to you, hear our cry.
Do not abandon us, but draw near.

C **Come, Christ Jesus, be our life.**

Meditation Psalm 46:10

God says: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

THE WORD

The Reading is from Psalm 46

A God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
though its waters rage and foam,
and the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Song *“Peace, Be Still”*

Peace, be still.
Peace, be still.
The storm rages.
Peace, be still.

A There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of the day.
The nations rage,
and the kingdoms shake.
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Song *“Peace, be Still”*

Peace, be still.
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Peace, be still.

A Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
behold the one who makes wars to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Song *“Peace, be Still”*

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Invitation to Prayer

- P God never stands far off, but is close at hand.
In Christ Jesus, God draws near to us,
offering grace upon grace, mercy beyond measure, and life without end.
- P You who are troubled or in distress,
you who feel separated from God's love,
come and be still in the light of Christ, who receives your burdens and gives you rest.
- C The God of hosts is with us.**
- P Come, you who are filled with fear or anxiety,
you who tremble when the earth is moved.
Be still in the light of Christ, who offers a peace that surpasses understanding.
- C God is our help in trouble.**
- P Come, you who comfort those who weep and you who wait with those near death,
you who are worried for your health and the well-being of others.
Be still in the light of Christ, who is our hope and final home.
- C God is our solace and shelter.**
- P Come, you who are burdened with pain or grief,
you who are bound by guilt or shame,
Be still in the light of Christ, who surrounds you with love.
- C God is our river of mercy.**
- P God never stands far off, but is close at hand.
In Christ Jesus, God draws near to us,
offering grace upon grace, mercy beyond measure, and life without end.

Prayers for People of God

For our prayers tonight, please use the Zoom chat feature to add your prayer requests. Prayers may be for individuals or more general prayers. Pr. Elaina will read those prayers aloud followed by one of the following phrases: God grant you strength; Christ fill you with peace.

- P Holy God, hear these prayers we speak aloud and those that lie deep in our hearts...
For doctors, nurses and health care workers
For those suffering from COVID-19
For those living in fear of a diagnosis
For children who don't feel safe in their homes
For those with no home to shelter in place
For grocery store workers and pharmacists
For teachers and school administration
For those isolated in nursing homes
For those who are hungry
For those dealing with depression, anxiety and other mental health struggles
Additional prayers as offered in Zoom chat

P Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done;
Help us let it all be.

The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness, of the world, and of our lives rest in you.

The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all those dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day.

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Song *"Peace, be Still"*

Peace, be still.

Peace, be still.

The storm rages.

Peace, be still.

Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

We Receive God's Blessing

P May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. May Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Nurture with love, serve with hope.

C Thanks be to God.

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For Sean Acosta, Dustin Johnson, Steve Kleinfelder, Zach Landers, Patrick Naughton, Chad Peters, Mitch Pohlman and all others serving our country and their families.

For those we name in our hearts, and for those who have not yet found Jesus.

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When we are at our best you will see us:

- *Building relationships that connect people in meaningful ways*
- *Growing spiritually through the adventure of the Gospel, then and now*
- *Engaging our community with a servant's heart*
- *Welcoming and offering acceptance to all those we meet*
- *Giving generously out of the abundance of God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUMMAGE SALE — If the situation allows, we hope to have a Rummage Sale. If the hints of spring are inspiring you to clean out closets, please put gently used items aside for our efforts.

FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED — April 1-4 to make 5-10 food deliveries. Healthy individuals and families welcome. Please email Lori Olkiewicz at mrs.o96@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

UPDATED DIRECTORY — We are looking to update our directory. We have welcomed many new people and many of us have changed significantly since the last directory that was put together (from over six years ago... at least)! Can you send a picture of you as an individual or your immediate family to Marge at bethanylmt@aol.com? This can be a picture you have on your phone or it can be one done more professionally.

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