

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor
Tim Fritz, Liturgist
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

2nd Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship
(Please sign attendance book.)

9:00 a.m.

April 27, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, we gather in Your name today.

Through Your Holy Spirit, speak through Your living Word.

Surprise us that we may perceive Your presence,

That we may feel Your love,

That we may know You anew.

You are the one who brings us grace upon grace.

*Hymn #155, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

*Confession of Faith *from the PCUSA Confession of 1967:*

**In Jesus Christ, true humanity was achieved
once and for all.**

**God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.**

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,

a shepherd’s life given for his sheep,

atonement by a priest;

a ransom of a slave,

payment of debt,

vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,

and victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth which remains

beyond the reach of all theory

in the depths of God’s love for humankind.

They reveal the gravity, cost and sure achievement

of God’s reconciling work.

Offering / Offertory Music

*Doxology #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures John 20:19-29, pg. 115

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Testing the Nail Holes”

*Hymn #420, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Prayer Requests / Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn #151, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response

God bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be.

Uphold Your servants as we work in common ministry.

Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar.

Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we

adore.

(Tune on page #418)

*Postlude

**Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

Team Jesus

Today's Theme:

After the resurrection, the disciples gathered behind locked doors. They lived in fear. The crucifixion had done its work on them — making them fearful of so many things in life. They still did not understand. But Jesus surprises them and appears in their midst, including in the midst of their fears. The experience of the risen Lord gives them new life, new hope, and new courage. The disciple Thomas was not with them, and later said he would not believe what he considered gossip. He said he would not believe unless he could stick his finger in the nail holes of Jesus' crucified hands. Jesus shows up, and Thomas comes to believe. The amazing thing is, Thomas is not criticized for wanting proof. That teaches us some intriguing things about "evidence based faith." For Christians, rather than judging it as somehow "bad," doubting can be a way to faith.

BEULAH CALENDAR

Sunday	April 27	9:00am	Worship
Monday	April 28	7:00pm	Agape
Sunday	May 4	9:00am	Worship

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings:

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)	Ps 30	Isa 61:1-3	Ps 90:13-17
	Rev 5:11-14	John 21:1-19	

Thank you for your generous support for the 2025 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) collection of \$2,035, which is a new record for Beulah. (History: 2024 - \$1,330; 2023 - \$ 1,370; 2022 - \$811; 2021 - \$727; 2020 - \$420; 2019 - \$397).

Easter Lilies

Purchased By:

Jean Hughes
Jim & Carla Zwicker
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Dennis Morgan
Dennis Morgan
Sides Family
Tim & Lynn Fritz
Jon & Wanda Cross
Deb McBride
Deb McBride

In Memory Of:

-Colleen, Kenneth & Grant Hughes
- Maynard & Dorothy Zwicker
- Loved Ones
- Loved Ones
- Duane & Betty Morgan
- Loved Ones
- Dan Mueller
- Loved Ones
- Loved Ones
- Duane & Betty Morgan
- Bill McBride
- Infant Larry

Prayer List

Heather DeHaven	Robert DeVries	Martha Green
Cathy Morgan	Dylan Preston	

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

♥ Barbara Anderson
♥ Louise Green
♥ Joyce King
♥ Don Paulsen
♥ Terry Vincent
♥ Jackie Williams

2025 Annual Per Capita Presbytery Fee

The Presbyterian Church USA is a connectional church, meaning that in Christ, we are one body (1 Corinthians 12). We support each other. Every year the Presbytery requests that each church support the costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. In turn, that helps the denomination support all of the churches in the PCUSA. For 2025, the Per Capita Fee is \$38.29. The church pays Presbytery based on the number of members. We are requesting each member please add \$38.29 to their church giving to cover this cost.

Be the reason someone feels
welcomed,
heard,
valued,
loved,
and supported.