

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. May 17, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the home of God is among mortals.
God will dwell with them;
they will be God’s peoples
and God will be with them
to wipe every tear from their eyes.**

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

**And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things new.”**

*Hymn #144, “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

*Confession of Faith *from PCUSA Brief Confession*

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music

*Doxology #592

**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

Scripture Reading **Revelation 12:1-17, 21:1-5; 22: 1-5; 22: 16-21**, pg.161
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“A Brief Tour Through the Apocalyptic Art Gallery
Of Satan’s Last Stand”**

*Hymn #477, “**Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”**

* Prayers of the Community and 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 #464, “**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response (*sing twice*)

**Oh, Happy Day (Oh, Happy Day)
Oh, Happy Day (Oh, Happy Day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when he washed (Oh, when he washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, Happy Day)
Aw, Happy Day (Oh, Happy Day)
Oh, Happy Day (Oh, Happy Day)
Oh, Happy Day!**

Postlude

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

Hosta Mania is today after Worship!!

Preacher's Notes

One of my goals in preaching is to intrigue people about the Bible. I often wish I could speak a lot longer and in-depth about various books in the Bible. But it is better to do that in-depth work in Bible study with a group. I hope this sermon series called you to think again about Revelation. It is not a time-line for the future. It is an art gallery that calls us to look at the spiritual reality of the world around us. Do we see the works of "the deceiver"? Do we recognize the power of the dragon? And most of all, do we see the presence of the incarnate Christ at work in the church and in the world? Revelation is a book focused on the incarnation of Jesus Christ and on God's grace as a living and dynamic presence here and now.

If you wish to investigate more, the best book on Revelation that I know of is M. Eugene Boring's "Interpretation Commentary on Revelation," published by Westminster/John Knox Press.

Welcome to Beulah!

Christ calls us into community, so we are glad to be with you today. Everyone is invited to have refreshments, which are in the Narthex right outside of the sanctuary. Stay for as little or as long as you like, but let someone know you are glad they are here! If you are interested in bringing goodies to share, the sign-up book is by the sanctuary door. This week, a special thank you to our hosts, the Sides Family.

New Members

Beulah thrives through the strength of its members. If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining the church, please talk with Dr. McDonald or call him.

We will be welcoming a new member group in the near future.

Upcoming Events & Special Sundays

(Note: Subject to Change)

- **May 24 | Day of Pentecost:** Remember to wear red as we celebrate the birth of the church!
- **May 31 | Giving Focus & Catered Lunch:** Join us after worship for a meal and a 45-minute presentation by the QC Community Foundation on the Beulah Endowment and estate planning. Have you signed up yet? **Signups are due today, May 17!**

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	May 17	9:00am	Worship Hosta Mania / Signups due today for May 31 Giving Focus & Catered Lunch
Saturday	May 23		Remember to wear red tomorrow!
Sunday	May 24	9:00am	Worship

Bridal Shower

All the ladies of Beulah are invited to a bridal shower honoring Jennie Abbott and Lucas Althaus!!! Join us on Saturday, June 13th at 11:00am for food, fun and fellowship. We would love to see a large turn-out to help us celebrate the happy couple.

Please RSVP to Lynn Fritz or Sherrill Hills by June 7th.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Jennie and Lucas are registered at Target and Farm & Fleet.

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/thealthauses>

<https://www.farmandfleet.com/gift-registry/view-list/40965/408B83C3F2596989151FDBFBD0AOC2504DOEF116/>

It's graduation time! Do you know of a graduate, which you'd like to share with us from any level: junior high, high school, technical college, college, graduate degree? Please inform us (nroberts822@gmail.com) so we can recognize the graduate and celebrate this achievement.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

College:

- Jennie Abbott, fiancée of Lucas Althaus and daughter of Jason and Julie Abbott, will be graduating from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Communications. She looks forward to beginning Nursing school this winter.

Sherrard High School:

- David Louis Browning III, is the son of David and Denise Browning and grandson of Carol Browning. David will be attending Missouri University of Science & Technology, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
- Victoria "Tori" Browning, is the daughter of David and Denise Browning and granddaughter of Carol Browning. Tori will be attending the University of Wisconsin in Platteville, majoring in the Pre-Physical Therapy Track.
- Adalynn Elsbury, is the daughter of Robert and Rita Elsbury and granddaughter of Iona Schnowske and Stephanie Banks. She will be attending Illinois College for Nursing and to play basketball.
- Kennedy Shillinger, is the daughter of Jeff and Elizabeth Shillinger and sister of Kiera Shillinger. Kennedy will be attending Scott Community College, majoring in Radiology.

Tell me about the New Organ

Beulah's new organ is an Allen Digital Computer Organ, model Renaissance 230, built in Macungie, Pennsylvania. The Renaissance series was produced from 1998 to 2008, and Beulah's instrument was likely manufactured around 2001. Designed to provide the musical richness of a traditional pipe organ with the reliability of modern technology, this instrument offers both exceptional sound and lasting quality for worship.

- **Make:** Allen Digital Computer Organ
- **Model:** Renaissance 230
- **Place of Manufacture:** Macungie, PA
- **Years Made:** 1998-2008, with Beulah's organ likely made around 2001
- **High-fidelity digital sampling:** The Renaissance series uses advanced digital sampling to reproduce realistic pipe organ tone, capturing the attack, steady-state sound, and decay of organ pipes.
- **Pipe organ tonal capability:** The instrument offers the equivalent tonal resources of a pipe organ with about thirty ranks of pipes. Allen sampled a variety of pipe types and stored their tonal characteristics in digital memory, allowing the organist to select registrations and perform in the same way they would on a traditional pipe organ.
- **Advanced sound technology:** Renaissance technology combines high-resolution digital samples with acoustic modeling to produce rich, authentic organ sound.
- **Quality console design:** The instrument features a high-quality console with wood keys and moving stop tabs that visually indicate which stops are in use.
- **Durability and low maintenance:** The Renaissance series uses maintenance-free components, including reed switch key contacts that are comparatively resistant to environmental changes.
- **Flexible audio output:** Designed for multi-channel audio systems, the organ provides spatial separation of tonal divisions, enhancing the realism and presence of the sound in the worship space.
- **Built-in recording attachment:** Every note can be captured directly onto a USB thumb drive. This allows for high-quality playback during future services or special events, ensuring our congregation's music is preserved and accessible at any time. The number of recordings is only limited by the memory size of the thumb drive.

With its blend of traditional organ character and dependable digital innovation, the new Allen Renaissance 230 is a meaningful addition to the congregation's music ministry. It offers beauty, versatility, and reliability needed to support hymns, musicians or choir accompaniment, and worship for years to come.

Prayer List

Lindsey Breiby	Rich Cox	Heather DeHaven
Robert DeVries	Martha Green	Bill Pinger
Donna Pinger	Dylan Preston	

- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

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6 Annual Per Capita Presbytery Fee

In 2026, our congregation supports the wider Presbytery through a "Per Capita" contribution of **\$39.00 per member**. When you cover this cost individually, it allows more of our general offerings to stay right here at Beulah for our local budget.

Note. This is a separate contribution and is not included in your 2026 pledge.

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30 Ps 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Join us for our next Communion Sundays:

- **June 7** (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)
- **July 5** (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

Budget Update (a/o April 30)

YTD Budgeted Giving (4 months)	\$30,777
<u>YTD Actual Budgeted Giving (4 months)</u>	<u>\$24,087</u>
YTD Actual to Budget Shortfall	\$ 6,690