

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Tim Fritz, Liturgist

Gail Tutt, Worship Music Leader

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. September 6, 2026

Prelude **“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In six days, God created the heavens and the earth,
and all the creatures that cover the face of the earth.

On the seventh day, God rested.

God says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God."

God gives us purpose.

And God grants us rest.

Lord, you call us to holy rest.

You set us free from all that would enslave us.

We give You our thanks and praise!

*Hymn # 276, **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*Prayer of Confession

God of Rest and Restoration,

We confess that we have made idols

out of our own productivity.

We have measured our worth by our labor

and our security by our accumulated stuff.

We ignored Your command to rest,

and in doing so, we have strained our bodies, our minds,

our relationships and Your creation.

Forgive us for refusing the freedom You offer.

Teach us to rest in Your grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News of the ultimate Jubilee:

Jesus came to proclaim liberty to the captives,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Your labor does not define you, because your identity is firmly
rooted in the unconditional love of God.

Believe and share the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music Instrumental

*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 Readings **Exodus 20:8-10**, pg. 66; **Leviticus 25:1-14**, pg. 112

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Escaping the Matrix: God’s Way Out”

*Hymn (please see insert) **“One Bread, One Body”**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sacrament of Communion

*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.

*Charge / Benediction

*Hymn (please see insert) **“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”**

*Congregational Response # 485, **“To God Be the Glory”**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Postlude # 538, **“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

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

Sermon Notes

Time can become a tyrant. It holds us fast and will not let us go, with an endless repetition of days. It reminds me of the movie series, "The Matrix." These people were caught up in a machine that held them captive, and sucked the life out of them. They found a way out, to a place called Zion, by choosing the way of suffering, challenge, and difficulty. But it led to a new life of freedom, a new consciousness. This Labor Day weekend is good to think about the roots of "time off" that come from the Bible. Ideas such as Sabbath-keeping and Jubilee. These Biblical ideas show how God seeks to set us free for true life.

Welcome to Beulah!

Christ calls us into community, so we are glad to be with you today. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the Narthex 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 host Dennis Morgan

Apple Picking Sunday – Family Fun Event!

After worship service on Sunday, September 20,
we will be picking apples at Camp Creek for our

Apple Pie making Extravaganza Day,
which will be on Saturday, September 26.

All are invited to come and help! We plan on starting @ 8am until we run out of apples and crust. Money raised supports multiple mission projects for people in need. **In one morning, we will make over 125 pies!!**
NO pie-making experience needed ☺

Organ Dedication Events

Event 2 – Celebrating the Music of Marion Wilson and Jimmae Wells

When: September 20, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Organist: Chon Wherry

Pianist: Laura Crumbleholme

Program: A dedicatory program of piano/organ duets and congregational singing using music from the Wilson/Wells library, honoring the past musical history of Beulah Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments: Whitey's ice cream and brownies.

Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. **Need donations of a 9"x13" recipe of brownies for the Organ Dedication Celebration on Sunday, Sep 20, 2026 at 6:30m.** Coal Valley Presbyterian Church is also invited.

Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 4.

This walk raises awareness of hunger in the QC. Our goal is to double the number of walkers! Please join up and bring a friend! Time & location to meet will be announced.

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	September 6	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
		9:00am	Worship / Communion / Food Pantry Collection
Tuesday	September 8	6:00pm	Building & Grounds Mtg
		6:30pm	Session
Wednesday	September 9	noon	Newsltr articles due
Sunday	September 13	9:00am	Worship

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the church clean up, fix up, and straighten up! It was greatly appreciated!

Newsletter time is rolling around quickly. If you have an article to submit, please send it to Nancy by noon this Wed, Sep 9 nroberts822@gmail.com

Prayer List

Lindsey Breiby
Martha Green
Donna Pinger

Rich Cox
Donna Metzler
Dylan Preston

Robert DeVries
Bill Pinger

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

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Ex 14:19-31 Ps 114 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21 Gen 50:15-21
Ps 103:(1-7) 8-13 Rom 14:1-12 Matt 18:21-35