

Bath Presbyterian Church

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The caterpillar
grows wings during a season
of isolation. Remember that
next time you're alone.

-Mandy Hale



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Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Music for Praise & Meditation

Welcome!

Announcements

- **In the life of our Church**
- **Minute for Mission**
- **Sharing of Joys & Concern**
- **Covenant Church for Prayers: Westminster Presbyterian Church**, Pastors Richard Baker, John Neely, Nancy Hodgkins, Anna Owens, and Caitlin Deyerle, and Director of Children's and Family Ministries Kylie Hettinger.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 118)

One: God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation!

All: Raise shouts of joy and victory in the homes of the upright: God is doing mighty acts! God is winning! God is doing mighty acts!

One: I will not die, I will live to proclaim the deeds of God.

All: Open the gates of justice for me, let me come in to thank you; God.

One: This is the gate of God and only the upright can enter.

All: Thank you for hearing me and saving me. The stone that the builders rejected has become the keystone; this is God's doing, and it is wonderful to see. Let us worship God!

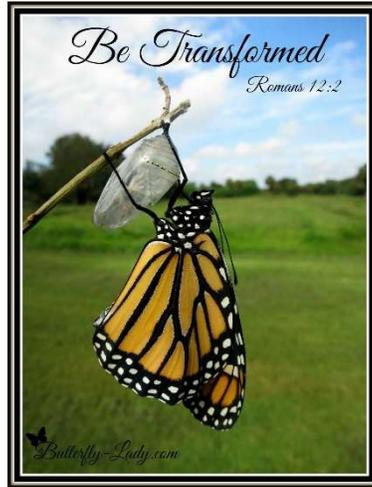
Call to Worship in Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing"
(refrain only pg 821)

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***Call to Confession:** The gospel assures us that those who love God will be protected, and those who call out in times of trouble will be answered. With faith and hope, let us confess our sin.



***Prayer of Confession:** God of empty tombs and emptier people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us fresh compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God.

***Opening Hymn – #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

The Passing of the Peace - Stay seated and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family - smile, wave, flash the peace sign, etc.

Children's Sermon – Change for a Change Offering

1st Scripture Reading – Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "The Heart of Believing" Pastor Emily Haddox

***Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (The United Church)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People – 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response: "What a friend we have in Jesus"

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit. Oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

Offering

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***Doxology**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Offertory Prayer

Installation of new Elder

***Closing Hymn - #233 "The Day of Resurrection!"**

***Benediction**

***Postlude: #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

"God be with you till we meet a-gain; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet a-gain. Amen."

Announcements & More

Every Sunday:

- ✓ Breakfast – 9 am in Friendship Hall
- ✓ Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30: In person and via Zoom

Ongoing:

- Collection for Huber Heights FISH: Non-perishable food, personal care items, cleaning products, pet food, paper products, diapers, etc.

Today:

- ✚ Change for Change Offering – During Children's Sermon
- ✚ Session Meeting – After Worship
- ✚ Today & May 1- Mother's Day Healthy Women, Healthy Family Donation

On the Horizon:

- ✚ May 1 – Coffee & Donuts – After Worship
- ✚ May 2 – Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3 pm

