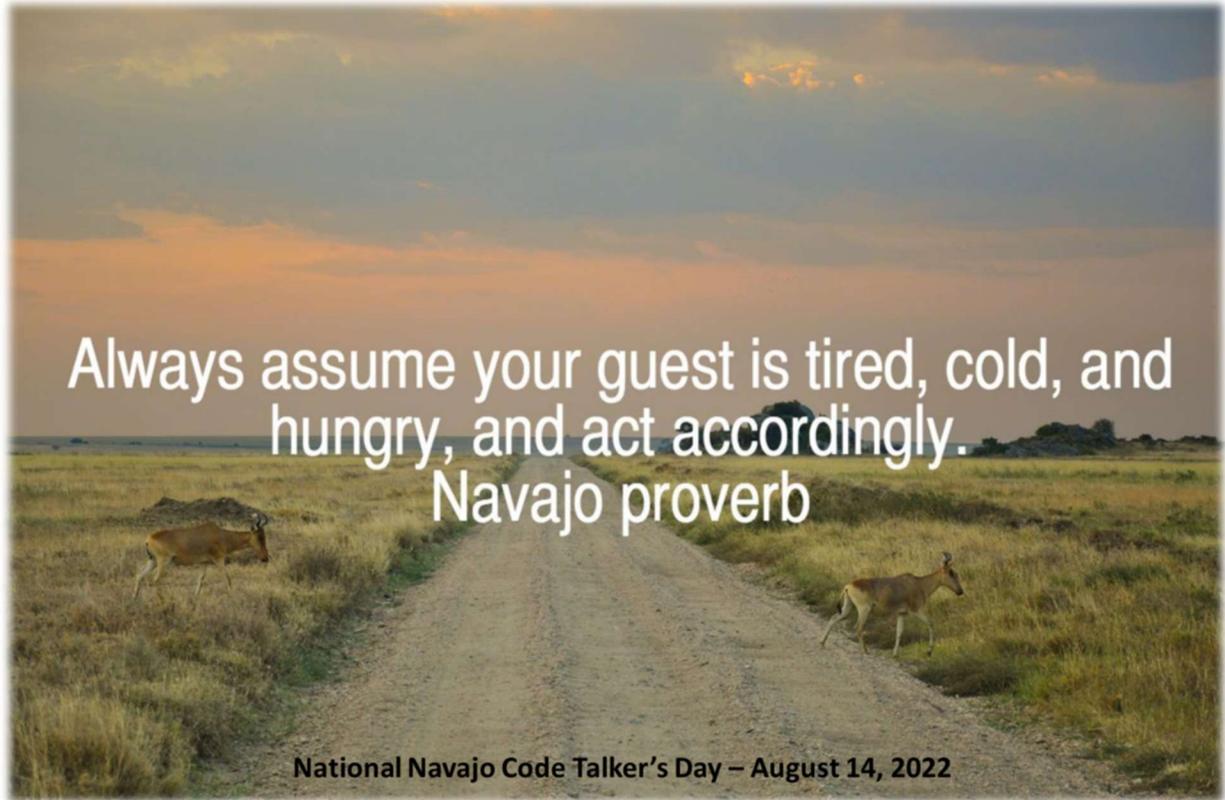


Bath Presbyterian Church

August 14, 2022

In Church, In Parking Lot (Radio 105.3 FM) or on Facebook
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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: Reily Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Pastor Tom Ramsey.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 80)

One: Shepherd of Israel, hear us! Lead us like a flock.

All: There was once a vine in Egypt and you uprooted it. You drove out other nations to clear out space and plant it where it could grow.

One: The vine took root and filled the land. It covered the mountains with its shade and its branches grew up to God. Its tendrils stretched out to the sea, it's offshoots journey to the river.

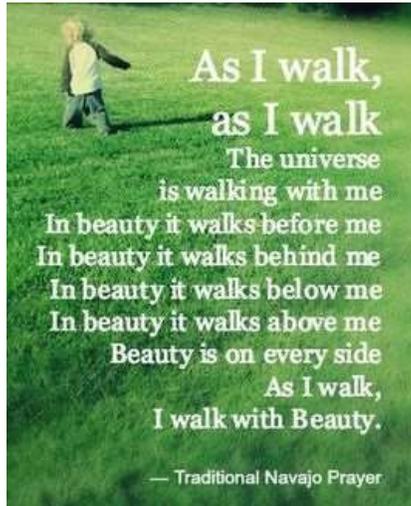
All: Let your hand rest on those on your right side, the ones you raise up for yourself. Renew our life and we will invoke your name. God of hosts, return to us; let your face smile on us and we will be saved. Let us worship God!

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

No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

***Call to Confession:** We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Join me as we pray, saying,

***Prayer of Confession (in unison):** What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You



ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away. Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us - are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

***The Passing of the Peace –** Stay in your pew and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 12: 49-56

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against

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her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Christ brings division...?" 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: "When We Are Tested" (tune - Be Thou my Vision #450)

"When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do."

Offering

***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**

***Closing Hymn - #246 "Christ is Alive Let Christians Sing"**

***Benediction- (in unison):** In faith, we have worshiped the God of all grace and hope. By faith, we will go to be poured out for all around us. Through faith, we have come to follow the Servant of the poor. With faith, we will go with our companions, justice and righteousness, to serve the oppressed. By faith, we learn the songs of the Spirit of love. In faith, we will sing these songs with those for whom the music has gone silent. Go in Christ's peace, today and always. Amen.

***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

Mission:

- Collection of school supplies for Spinning Hills Middle School – through August 14

Anniversary:

- August 18 – Chris & Hazel Pomfret

On the Horizon:

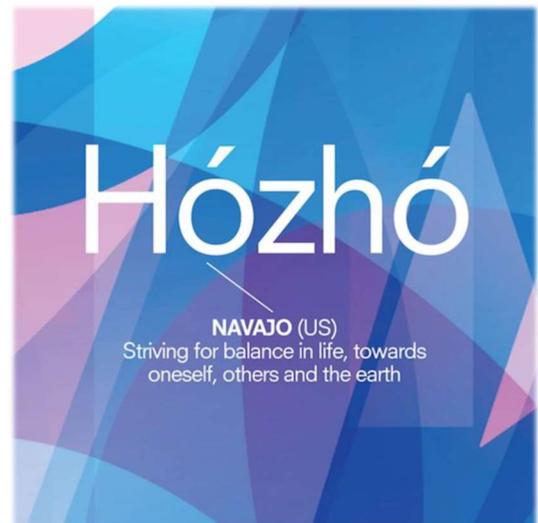
- August 24 – Session Meeting - 5:30 pm

Every Sunday:

- ✓ Breakfast – 9 am
- ✓ Sunday School: On hiatus till Mid-August

Ongoing Events:

- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items.



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