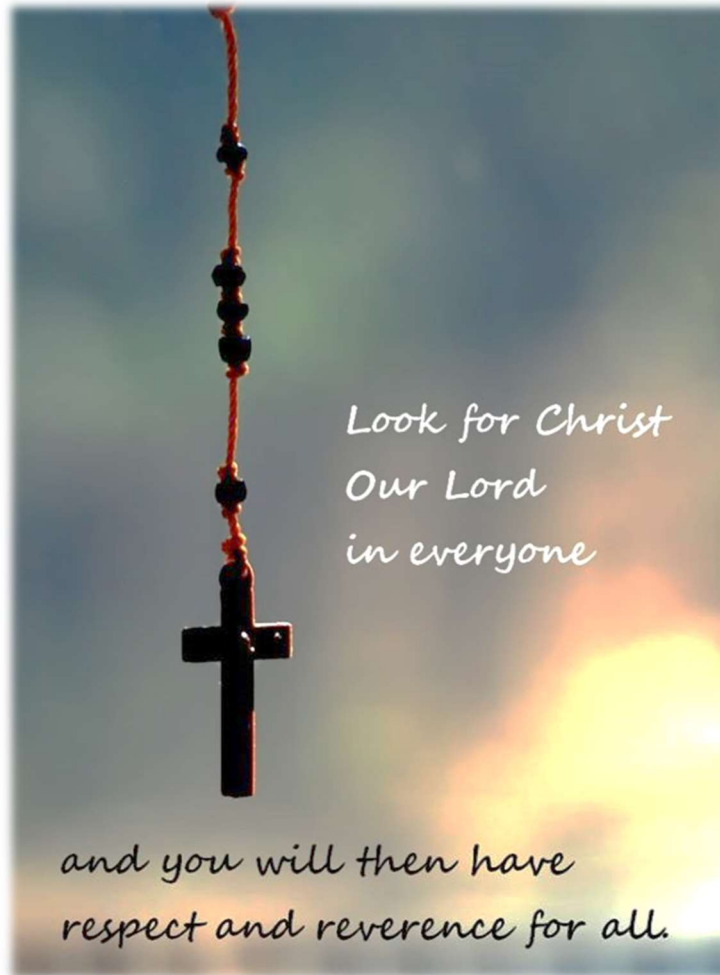


# *Bath Presbyterian Church*

*August 21, 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: Piqua Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joshua Rodriguez will begin his ministry on September 1.

## Call to Worship: : (Psalm 71)

One: In you, our God, we take shelter. You never disappoint.

**All: In your justice, rescue us, deliver us, turn your ear to us and save us. Be our mountain of strength.**

One: Send your decree and deliver us, for you are our rock and our fortress. Rescue us from the hands of the violent, from the clutches of the thief and the outlaw.

**All: You alone, O God, are our sovereign. We have trusted you from our youth, and we give you constant praise. 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):** Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different. Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and



hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us. This is good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life. Thanks be to God!

**\*Hymn: #275 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"**

**\*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 58: 9-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## Music for Meditation

### 2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 13: 10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: "Straighten up!" 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 - #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**

**\*Benediction- (in unison):** Having been welcomed with grace, let us go out this day. We will go to serve all of God's children, deciding to meet them where they are. Having listened to God's Word, Let us go to share what we have learned. We will go to stand with those who are uncertain about life, to walk with

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those who have stumbled on their journey. Having been set free by the Spirit let us go to be sisters and brothers with all, we will go to release those bound by cruelty and injustice, to bring healing to those crippled by fears.

**\*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

**Birthday:**

- August 23 – Ethan Johns

**This week:**

- August 24 – Session Meeting - 5:30 pm

**On the Horizon:**

- ✓ September 4 – Coffee & Donuts – after Worship
- ✓ September 12 - Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3pm
- ✓ September 14 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 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.

