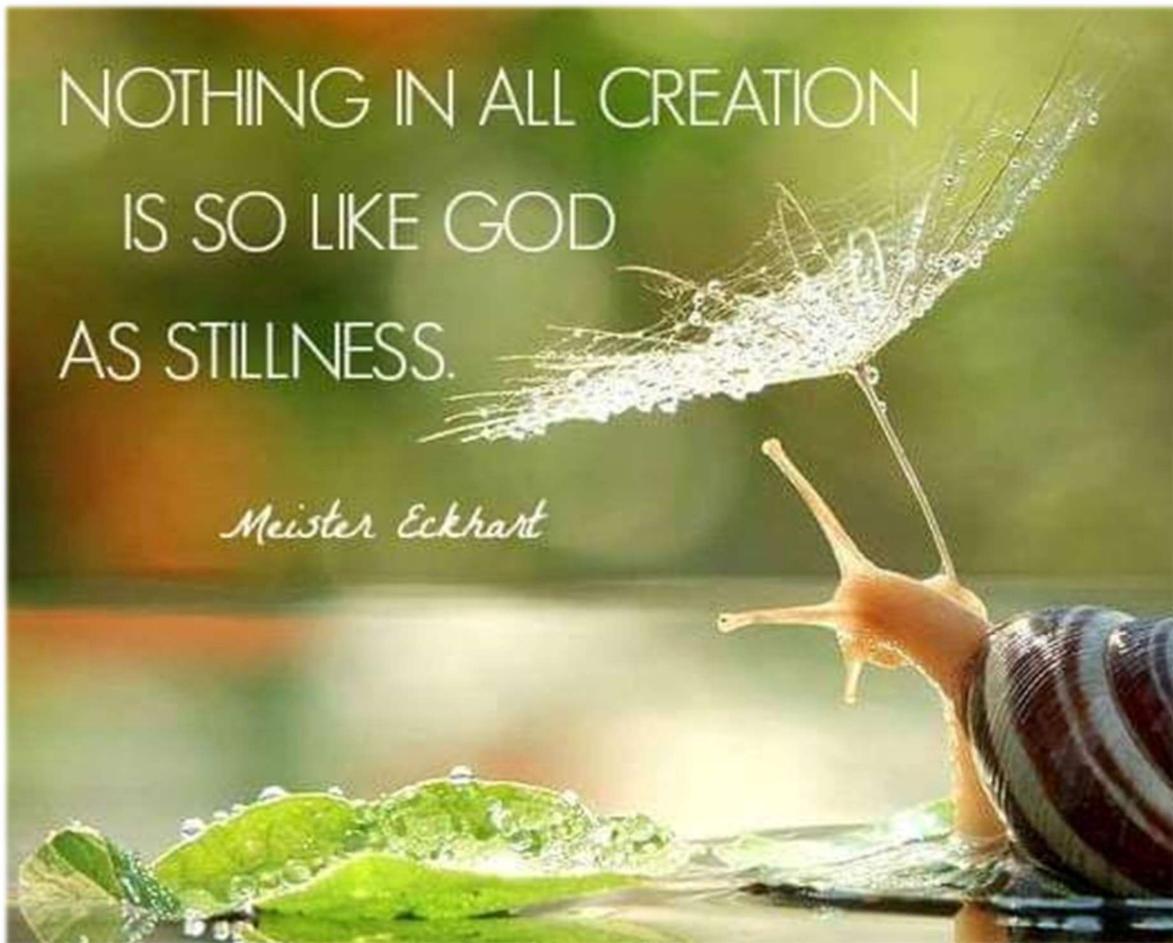


# *Bath Presbyterian Church*

*August 28, 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: Seven Mile United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Cheryl (Gidget) Collins.

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 81)

One: Sing out in praise of God our strength; acclaim the God of our ancestors!

**All: Begin the music, take up the tambourine, the tuneful harp and the lyre! Blow the trumpet on the New Moon, and the Full Moon and the Feast days.**

One: I am your God, if only my people would listen to me and follow my path. I want to feed you the finest wheat and satisfy you with honey from the rock

**All: 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):** We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance. Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our



Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed. Amen.\*

**Assurance of Pardon:** This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or any thing do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God. We are forgiven, embraced and welcomed by our God. Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn: #69 "Here I am Lord"**

**\*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 – Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15, 16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Music for Meditation**

**2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: "Move over Emily Post...Jesus is teaching etiquette!" 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**

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**Closing Hymn - #727 "Won't you let me be your servant?"**

**\*Benediction- (in unison)** Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others. Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads. Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world. Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus. Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle. Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us. Let us go in Christ's peace, today and always!

**\*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:**

- Peace & Global Witness Collection – September 4 – October 2; envelopes available in the pews.

**Birthday:**

- September 3 – Brittany Gunckle
- September 5 – Al Beane

**On the Horizon:**

- ✓ August 31 – CE Committee Meeting – 1 pm
- ✓ September 4 – Coffee & Donuts – after Worship
- ✓ September 12 - Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3pm
- ✓ September 14 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 pm
- ✓ September 15 – deadline to submit articles and photos for the October – December Newsletter
- ✓ September 25 – Women's Group Baby Shower

**Every Sunday:**

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

**Ongoing Events:**

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

