

Bath Presbyterian Church

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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 Church, Moderator Michele Sloan

Call to Worship Call to Worship: (Psalm 50)

One: Our God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: The perfection of God's beauty shines forth. God comes and won't be silent.

One: A devouring fire goes before God, while storms rage all around. God summons heaven and earth to aid in the trial of God's people.

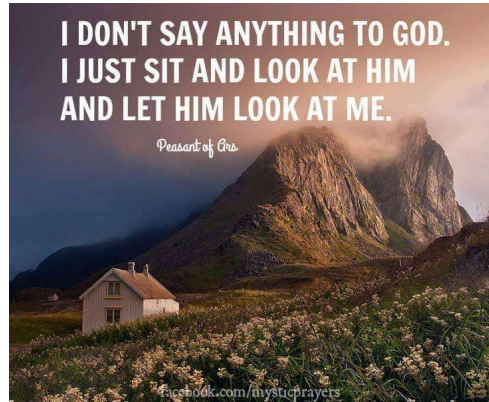
All: God says, "gather to me my faithful ones who make covenant with me through their sacrifices". The heavens affirm God's justice because it is God who is the judge. Let us worship God!

*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 must admit, Loving God, that if faith is a trust which cannot be confirmed, it is easier not to trust. If faith is the gut feeling that hope is just around the corner, we prefer to keep our eyes closed. And surely, if faith is to be lived out in difficult moments, we often leave it behind at home. Call us into your backyard, God of



wonder, to point up to the stars and remind us that we cannot begin to imagine, or count, how many times you will forgive us. Give us the trust to have faith in you, the faith to hope in you, and the assurance you will surround us with the grace, hope, and wonder shared with us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Like our grandparents in the faith, we can dare to trust in the promises of God, even without any actual proof staring us in the face.

This is the good news of God's love. We will trust in those things that last, in the grace, which counts, in the mercy no one can take away from us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

*Hymn #716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***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 – Genesis 15: 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Hebrews 11: 1-3; 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation,

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even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Whenever we're in trouble..." 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."

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***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn - #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

***Benediction- (in unison):** As God's people, let us be ready: to bring light into the shadows, to confront the bullies around us. As followers of Jesus, let us be ready: to invite strangers into our hearts, to set the table for everyone. As those gifted by the Spirit, let us be ready: to choose love, not hate; to feed those who wander through both food and fear deserts. Let us go spreading 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

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.

Today:

- Ice cream Social – after Worship

Mission:

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

This Week:

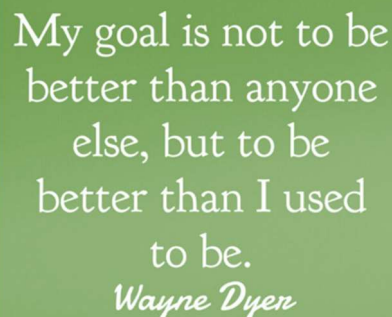
- August 10 – Mission Meeting – 1 pm

Birthday:

- August 10 – Cliff Haddox

On the Horizon:

- August 24 – Session Meeting - 5:30 pm



My goal is not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than I used to be.
Wayne Dyer