

Bath Presbyterian Church

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Never Give Up

A tree stands alone on the precipice,
Its fingers dug deep in the sand.
Although time and the elements eat at its world,
It proudly, defiantly stands.

Its branches still reaching for heaven,
Its roots bare and washing away.
To all others its fate has clearly been seen,
Yet it stands, more determined each day.

One more day it gives shade to the weary.
One more day it replaces our air,
One more day it is given to fulfill the plan
Of the Almighty Father up there.

We can learn from this proud little sapling,
When we look deep into our own cup.
When the things of this world seem to wear us away
We can bend, but must never give up.

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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: Bath Presbyterian Church, Pastor Emily Haddock.**

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 37)

One: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

All: We will trust in the Lord and do good, we can live on the land and enjoy security. We will take delight in the Lord so that we will be given the desires of our hearts.

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

All: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Let us worship God!

*Call to Worship in Music: "Sanctuary"

"Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you."

***Call to Confession** - If only our hurtful words, our damaging actions, our foolish choices would just go away. But they don't, and so we offer them, as well as ourselves, to God for forgiveness and for our healing. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so



ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, we are forgiven all our trespasses, they were set aside and nailed to the cross. Hear the word of grace and the assurance of Pardon: Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn – #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God only wise"

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 Message

1st Scripture Reading - Genesis 45: 3-11;15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading - Luke 6: 27-38

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs

from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks Be To God**

Sermon: **“Mercy, Mercy, Me”** 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.”

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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 - #172 “Blest are they”**

***Benediction-**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: We go forth in the name of Christ!

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: 9:30 - 10:30: In person and via Zoom

Ongoing:

✝ Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items; bar, hand & body soap.

On the Horizon:

❖ February 27 – Session Meeting – after Worship

❖ March 7 – Women’s Gathering – 10 am – 3 pm

The Holy Ghost doesn't only make you dance and speak in tongues, It also makes you apologize, shut up and examine yourself.