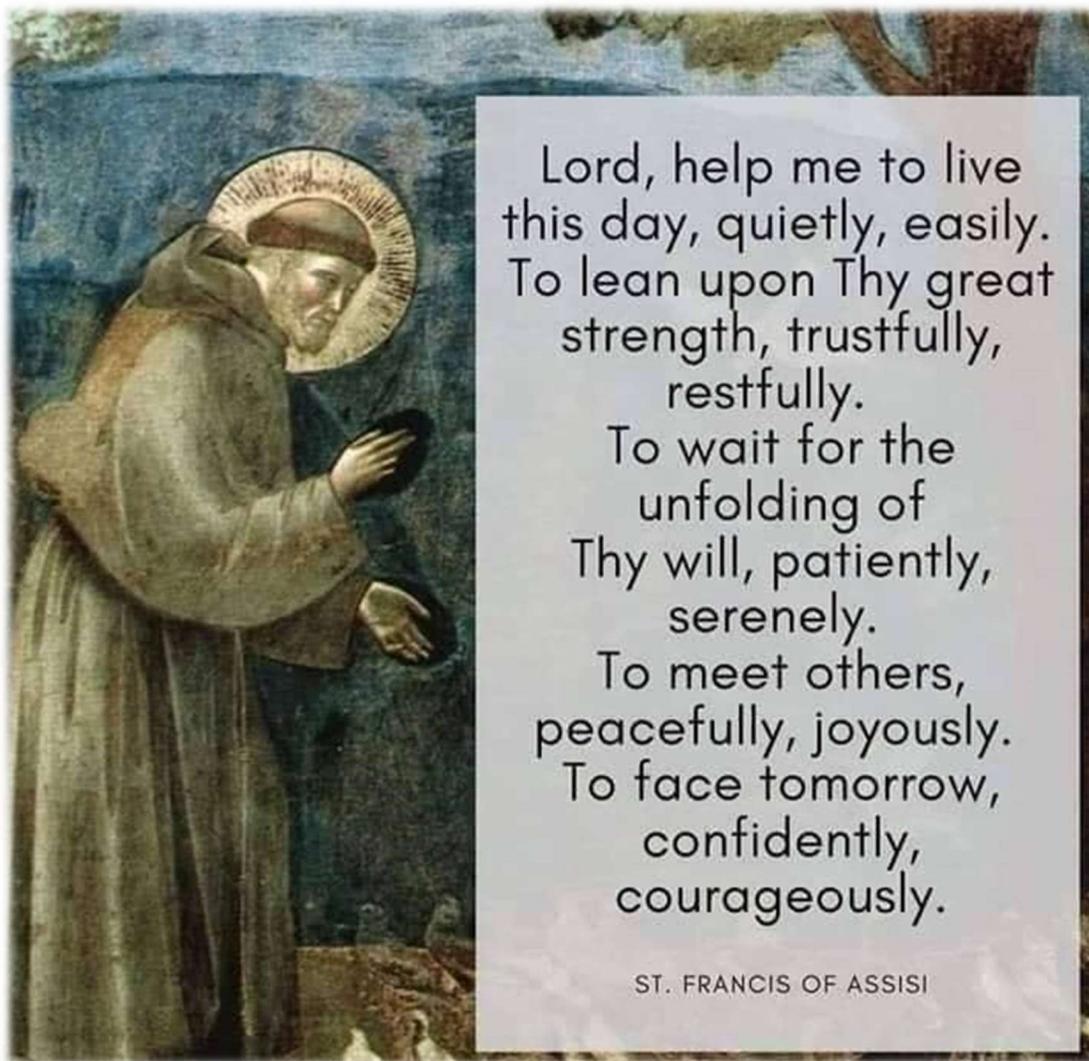


Bath Presbyterian Church

January 16, 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: Bellefontaine First United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Steve Merrin**

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 36)

One: Those who flatter themselves can't see their own guilt; they do not view God with awe or reverence. They cling to what is evil.

All: But you, O God, are faithful to the heavens and up into the skies.

One: Your justice is like mountains in their splendor.

Whether human or animal, you keep us all in your care.

All: How precious is your love. We find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Let us worship God!

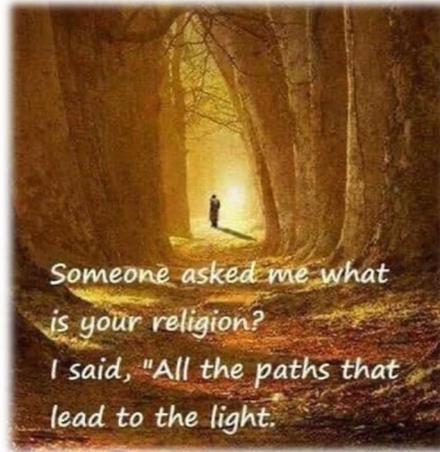
*Call to Worship in Music: "Sanctuary"

"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)

Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated that lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people. Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



***Assurance of Pardon** God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but will call you by name: 'My Delight.' This is good news. Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn – #472 “Kumbayah”

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 - Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are

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activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: “As the Spirit chooses” 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.”

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 - #687 “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

***Benediction-**

One: God sends us out to the lonely, the forsaken.

All: We will go to gather them up into the heart of love.

One: Jesus sends us out to throw a party for those who nibble at the stale crusts offered by the world.

All: We will go to sit with those who have no family, to fill their lives with hope and grace.

One: The Spirit sends us forth, as transformed people, as those who have been given new names.

All: We will go to those sunk deep in the muck of life, Who long for new days, for new joy, for new wonder.

One: Go in 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: 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.

Today:

❖ Session Meeting – after Worship

Birthday:

❖ January 20 – Dan Geis

On the Horizon:

❖ January 30 – Congregational Meeting – after Worship

❖ February 6 – Souper Bowl Sunday/Coffee & Donuts – after Worship

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

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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