

Bath Presbyterian Church

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My mission in life is not
merely to survive,
but to thrive, and to do so
with some passion,
some compassion,
some humor,
and some style.

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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: Oxford Presbyterian Church, Pastors Lawrence Bartel and Marc van Bulck

Call to Worship:

One: Open our ears

All: To hear Your word.

One: Open our eyes

All: To see Your presence.

One: Open our arms

All: To the embrace of community.

One: Open our minds

All: To the beauty of truth.

One: Open our hearts

All: To the joy of new life in each new day.

*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:** The gospel assures us that those who love God will be protected, and those who call out in times of trouble will be answered. With faith and hope, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison):

God of love, wrap Your arms around children who are hiding from the violence in our families and in our communities. God of justice, cast Your eyes on our struggles as we do the things we don't want to do rather than living our lives along the path You desire for us, and help us turn back to You. God of creation, lend your strength to the hidden rhythms of our world, to restore its natural balance and harmony. God of comfort,



bring healing to the sick and grieving in our midst and those around the world caught up in wars and conflict, so that they may feel peace in stormy times. God of hope, speak Your words of light to the despairing among us. God of all ages, hear the hidden prayers of our hearts, and the longing for You that goes too deep for words. God of peace, be with us always.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he

will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7

*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 - smile, wave, flash the peace sign, etc.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and

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see the punishment of the wicked. 9 If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14 "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "The Lord is My Refuge" JO Miller

***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 - #43 "You Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord"**

***Benediction (in unison):** The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out, and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. 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:

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

This week:

- Property Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 20; 2 pm

Mission:

- July 17 – 14: Collection of school supplies for Mad River Schools.

On the Horizon:

- August 1 – Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3pm
- August 7 – Ice cream Social & Coffee & Donuts – after Worship

