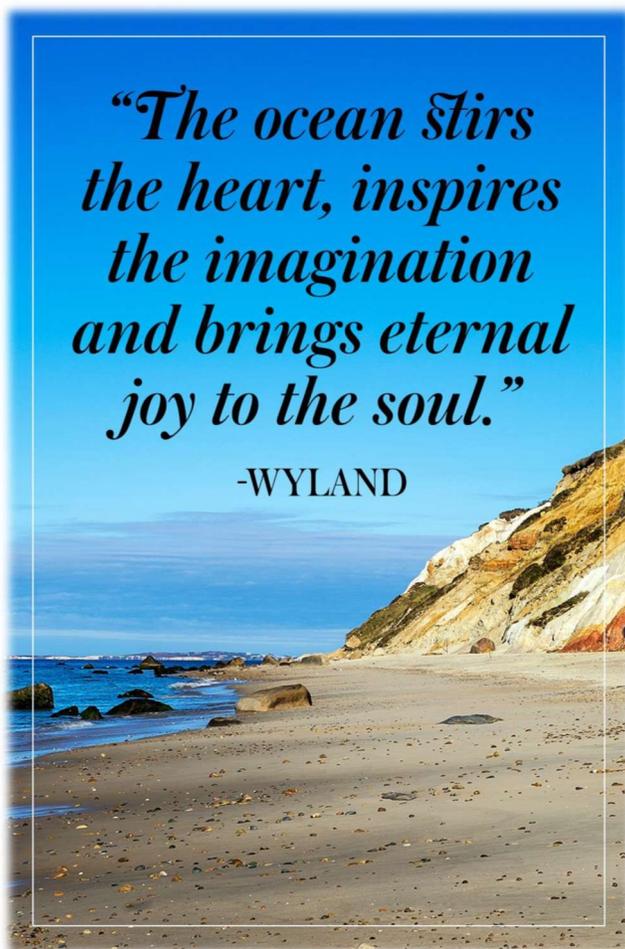


# *Bath Presbyterian Church*

*July 24, 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: Piqua Good Shepherd United Presbyterian Church, Moderator Jocelyn Sheldon

## Call to Worship: (Psalm 85)

One: Our God, favor your land once again, restore the fortunes of your people.

**All: Forgive our guilt and cover our sins. Set aside your anger and calm your rage. Return to us, O God of our deliverance.**

One: Put an end to your displeasure with us. Won't you revive us again, so that your people can rejoice in you?

**All: Let us see your mercy, O God, and grant us your deliverance. Let us worship God!**

## \*Call to Worship in Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing"

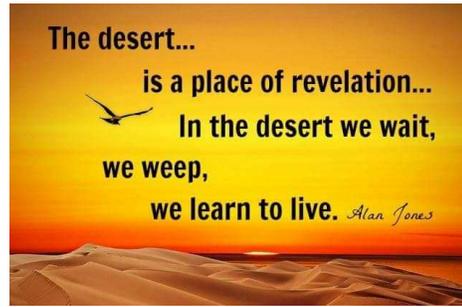
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*No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

**\*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 do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, Salvation's God. Open



our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** - Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom. In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God.

## \*Hymn – #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**\*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 – Genesis 18: 20-32

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

## Music for Meditation

### 2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 11: 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: "This family is so weird." 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

\***Closing Hymn - #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2 times through)**

\***Benediction (in unison):** We have heard the words of peace and hope from God, so we will go. We will speak to those with fear and doubt. We have been reminded of the One who came looking for us, so we will go. We will go search those who have been tossed aside by the world. We have been embraced in the love and grace of the Spirit. So we will go with our hearts open, searching for hope. Church family, so 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: On hiatus till Mid-August

### Ongoing Events:

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

### On the Horizon:

- August 1 – Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3pm
- August 7 – Ice cream Social & Coffee & Donuts – after Worship
- August 24 – Session Meeting, 5:30 pm



*Go the forest. Breathe in the Peace of God.*

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