

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:** Middletown St. Luke United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Richard Sedgwick.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 72)

One: O God, give us your judgment and your justice. Teach your leaders to govern your people rightly and bring justice to the oppressed.

All: The mountains will bring peace to the people. Your anointed will defend the oppressed from the people. We will save your children and crush the oppressor.

One: Justice will flower and there will be peace until the moon is no more. We will rescue the poor when they cry out.

All: May your name endure forever, and continue as long as the sun. Bless the nations of this earth, so they may bless you in return. Blessed be our God, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's name forever and may the whole earth be filled with God's glory. 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:** 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) – **We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is**

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summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news of God's love for us; not in the earthquake, not in the storms, not in the mighty deeds but in the silence, in the gentle touch, in the quiet rain God says, again, "You are my Beloved. I love you. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn – #15 "All Creatures of our God and King"

***The Passing of the Peace** – Please remain standing id comfortable 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- 2 Kings 2: 1-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of

them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Galatians 5: 13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

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People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "God At Camp" by 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 - #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

***Benediction- (In unison) And now, may God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you to be gracious to you and give you peace. 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; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold 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.

Birthdays:

- 😊 July 3 – Janet Miller
- 😊 July 4 – Paul Drake

Mission:

- Recap of June 24th Jesus on the Street

On the Horizon:

- ❖ July 10 – Coffee and Donuts
- ❖ July 10- Session Meeting after church
- ❖ July 11 – Women's Gathering 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- ❖ July 13 – Mission Meeting 1:00 pm



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