

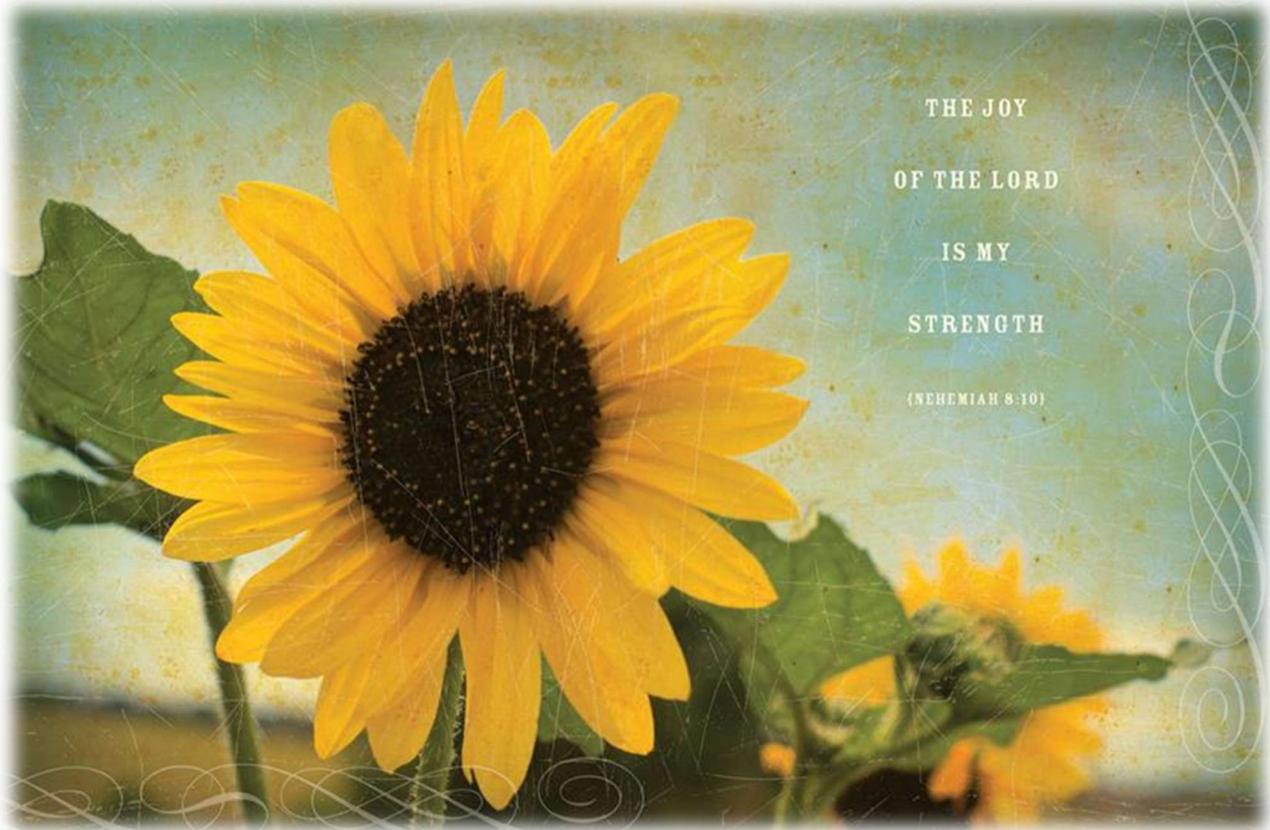
Bath Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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: Corinth Presbyterian Church, Pastor Cynthia Holder Rich**

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Lenten reflection

One: We come to worship you, O God, as *"The Eternal is my light amidst my darkness..."*

All: We come to revere our God, as God gives light and hope to us even in our darkness.

One: We come, O God, to: *"...live with him all of my days—in the shadow of his temple..."*

All: We come to worship our God, as we shelter in the large shadow of God's presence.

One: We come, O God, *"...to behold his beauty and ponder his ways in the company of his people... It is there I find peace in the midst of storm..."* We come, to wait upon God.

All: We come to worship and praise our God, because God does lift us up above the storms of life; and above the claims on our time and energy - to renewal, and growth in grace. Amen.

*Call to Worship in Music: #821 Refrain Only "How Can I Keep from Singing"

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) - Offered a feast at grace's table, God of the covenant, we choose to gorge ourselves on

the empty calories of greed. Invited to live in your house, we move into death's fear-infested boarding house. Though you promise to be with us, we toss you aside, chasing after those who will abandon us at the first chance. But you will not let the foxes of foolishness devour us, Mothering God, but will gather us under the shelter of your love. You do so in order to give us that peace which heals us, that wonder which surprises us, and that faith which enables us to let go of the present to walk into the covenant of grace made possible through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** God does not abandon us. God gathers us up, leading us to that shelter of love and life. Today, tomorrow, and the next day, God's grace rests upon us and gives us hope and mercy. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. Amen.

Opening Hymn – #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

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 15: 1-12; 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed

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between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 13: 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Following Jesus through Lent" 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 - #741 "Guide My Feet"

*Benediction-

One: Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with God:

All: we will take the Word of grace into our world.

One; Today, tomorrow, and the next days, go with Jesus:

All: we will shelter those who have nowhere else to go.

One: Today, tomorrow, and all the days to come, go with the Spirit:

All: we will gather the forsaken into our hearts.

*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.

Mission:

❖ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - Mar 13-Apr 17

Today:

❖ Deadline to submit article/photos for Newsletter

❖ Admin/Finance Committee – after Worship

On the Horizon

☺ March 20 – Session Meeting – after Worship

