

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: Eaton First Presbyterian Church**, Moderator Angie Schenck and Director of Christian Education Beth Pool

Call to Worship: (Psalm 30)

One: I will praise you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

All: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from despair, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

One: Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

All: For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

One: By your favor, O my God, you had established me as a strong mountain; To you I cried and made supplication. Hear me, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

All: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. God, I will give thanks to you forever. Let us worship God!

***Call to Worship in Music:**

How Can I Keep from Singing" (refrain only; page 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:** Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy

lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

***Opening Hymn – #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

***The Passing of the Peace:** Remain 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 – Acts 9: 1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this

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moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that

Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Sermon: "A miraculous catch" 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 - #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

*Benediction:

One: Now it is time to get up and go.

All: We will leave in order to follow God into the world.

One: Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

One: Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

All: The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment.

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 in Friendship Hall
- ✓ Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30: In person and via Zoom

Ongoing:

- Collection for Huber Heights FISH: Non-perishable food, personal care items, cleaning products, pet food, paper products, diapers, etc.

Today:

- ☺ Mother's Day Healthy Women, Healthy Family Donation
- ☺ Coffee & Donuts – After Worship

Anniversary

- ☺ May 1 – Mabel & Dan Geis

Birthday:

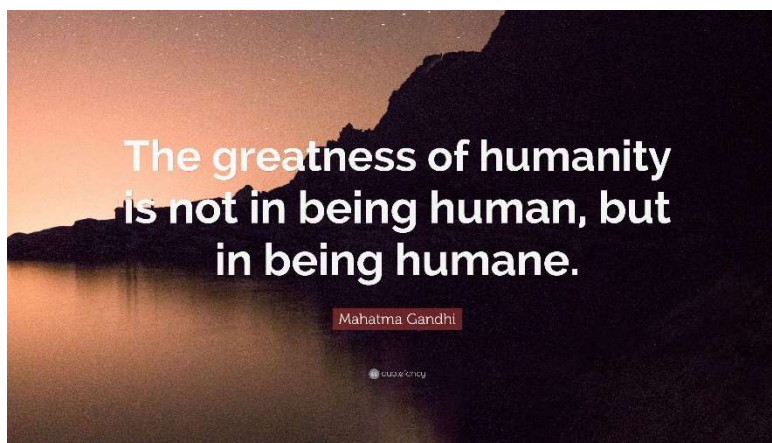
- ☺ May 1 – Judy Morin

This Week:

- ☺ May 2 – Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3 pm

On the Horizon:

- ☺ May 11 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 pm



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