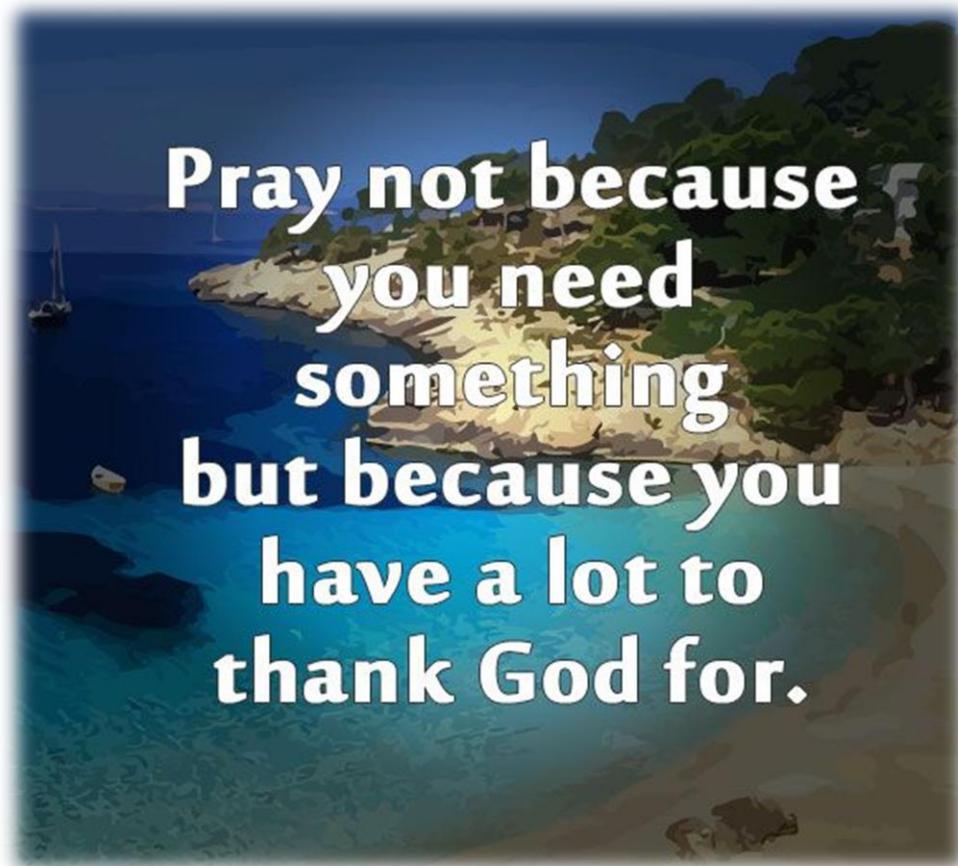


Bath Presbyterian Church

May 22, 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:** Hamilton The Presbyterian Church, located at 23 South Front Street, Hamilton, Pastor John Lewis.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 67)

One: O God, show us your kindness and bless us, and make your face smile on us.

All: Let all the earth acknowledge your ways, and all the nations aware of your power to save.

One: Let all the people praise you, O God, let all the people praise you. Let the nations shout and sing for joy, for you dispense true justice on the world; you guide your nations of the earth.

All: Your people will shout and sing for joy! Your people will praise you. You are our God and you bless us. May you be revered even to the ends of the earth. 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) – **Jesus, you set before us the way of wisdom: to care for the poor, feed the hungry, share instead of hoard our possessions, but it is a way that is counter to the ways of the world. We consider it wise and prudent to take care of ourselves first, to accumulate possessions, and to hoard and plan and secure our lives through those possessions. You call**

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such behavior foolish. Forgive us, Lord, when such foolishness becomes the focus of our lives. Help us become wise in your ways and with your wisdom. AMEN

***Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 103 tells us that God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. God does not accuse without merit or harbor anger for long. God does not treat us as our sins deserve or bless us according to our shortcomings. Thanks be to God.

Hymn – #301 "All are welcome"

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 -Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy

Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: Connect to My Words – 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**

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***Closing Hymn - #688** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

***Benediction- (In unison)** And now, may we go into the rest of our day Compassionate of heart, Clear of word, Gracious in awareness, Courageous in thought and Generous in Love. 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
- ✓ 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:

- 😊 May 22 – Carol Brickner
- 😊 May 23 – Rob West

Mission:

- Pentecost Offering
- Jesus on the Street- May 27

On the Horizon

- June 4th – Women's Gathering Yard Sale