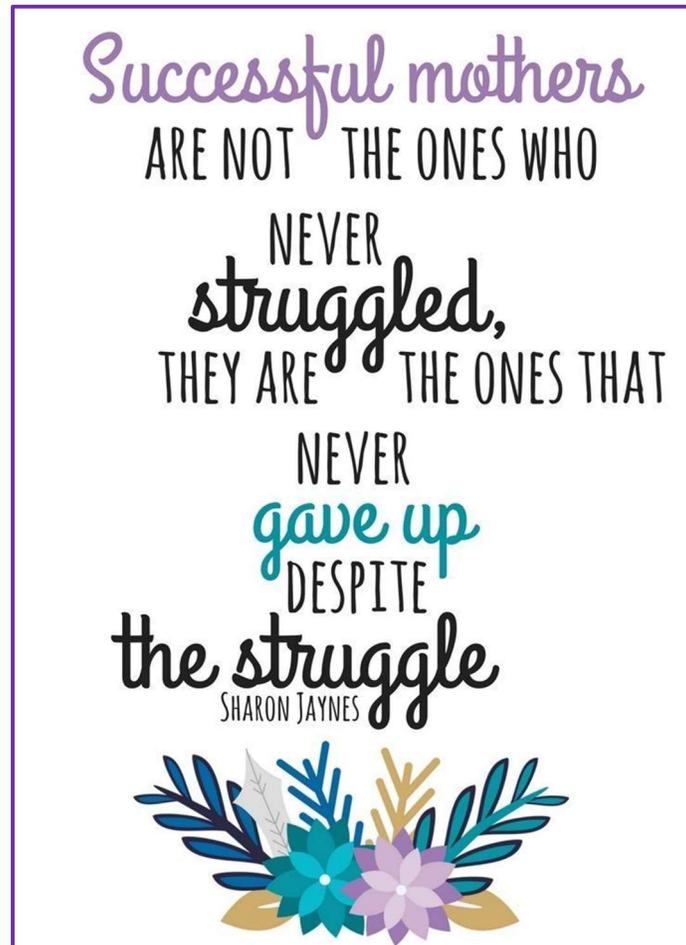


Bath Presbyterian Church

Mother's Day

May 8, 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: Fairborn First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joe Hinds.**

Call to Worship: (Psalm 23)

One: God, you are my shepherd, I want nothing more.

All: You let me lie down in green meadows; you lead me beside restful waters: you refresh my soul.

One: You guide me to lush pastures for the sake of your Name. Even if I am surrounded by the shadows of Death, I fear no danger, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff - they give me courage. You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies, and you anoint my head with oil - my cup overflows!

All: Only goodness and mercy and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, my God, for all the days without end. Let us worship God!

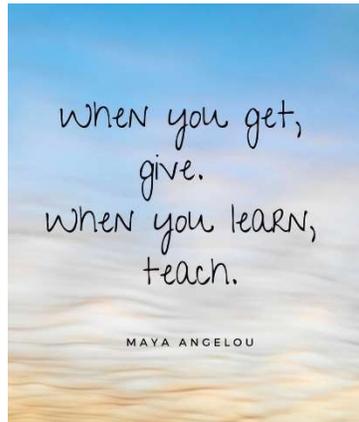
*Call to Worship in Music:

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 (In Unison):** God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled



with struggle and loss are ignored. Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives. Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn – #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

***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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the

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temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Good Shepherding" 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 - #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

***Benediction-**

One: Gathered for worship, we are now sent to work,

All: to find God in all the broken places and serve with healing and hope.

One: Having gathered in silence, we are now sent to speak,

All: to share the words of Jesus about justice and inclusion of all.

One: Gathered for prayer, we are now sent to live,

All: to take goodness and mercy and anoint everyone with these gifts of the Spirit.

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.

Birthday:

- ☺ May 8 – Clyde Sumpter

This Week:

- ☺ May 11 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 pm

Life is for living. Open the windows. Dance in the kitchen as you cook. Play that music loud. Turn off the news. Check in with someone you love. Get some fresh air. Watch the beautiful show nature is putting on for us right now. Leave the negative online discussions behind. Unfollow the chaos. Feel alive again.