

Bath Presbyterian Church

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Although butterflies aren't mentioned explicitly in the Bible, their lifecycle is a remarkable illustration from nature of the transforming work of Jesus Christ in the lives of believers. The Bible says that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new creation. The old life is gone, and the new life has begun (2 Corinthians 5:17). The same God who takes a caterpillar and changes it into a butterfly, transforms sinners into saints.



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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: Springboro Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pastor Sarah Sparks-Franklin.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 14)

One: Only fools say, "there is no God"! They are corrupt and they've done terrible things. God looks down from heaven upon the people to see if anyone understands.

All: Will people ever learn? God is on the side of those who do justice. God is the place of refuge for those in need.

One: We will rejoice and celebrate when God makes the faithful prosperous again!

All: We are God's children. 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:** We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Join me as we pray, saying:

*Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us. How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to



come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy. Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: #442 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"**

***The Passing of the Peace** – Stay in your pew and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Celebrate Losing" 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 – #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

***Benediction- (in unison)** We have been found by our God, so now we will go to search for those forgotten by the world.

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We have been welcomed by Jesus, so now we will go to embrace the ones people look down their noses at. We have been gathered as a community by the Spirit, so now we will go to be a family to the people who long to draw near to hope.

***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

Mission:

- Peace & Global Witness Collection – September 4 – October 2; envelopes available in the pews.

Birthday:

- September 16 – Susan Lockwood
- September 17 – Carolyn Casanova

Today:

- ✓ Coffee & Donuts – after Worship

This Week:

- ✓ September 12 - Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3pm
- ✓ September 14 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 pm
- ✓ September 15 – deadline to submit articles and photos for the October – December Newsletter

On the Horizon:

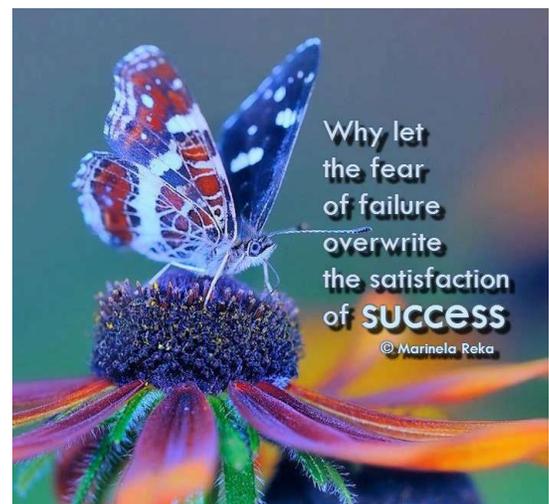
- ✓ September 18 – Session Meeting – After Worship
- ✓ September 25 – Women's Group Baby Shower – After Worship

Every Sunday:

- ✓ Breakfast – 9 am
- ✓ Sunday School: On hiatus till Mid-August-September

Ongoing Events:

- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items.



Share Your Favorite Holiday Recipe or Tip

To be published in the
October - December 2022 Newsletter



Main Course, Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Side Dish,
Salad, or even a Cooking/Serving/Decorating Tip
All are welcome!



Submit by September 15

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