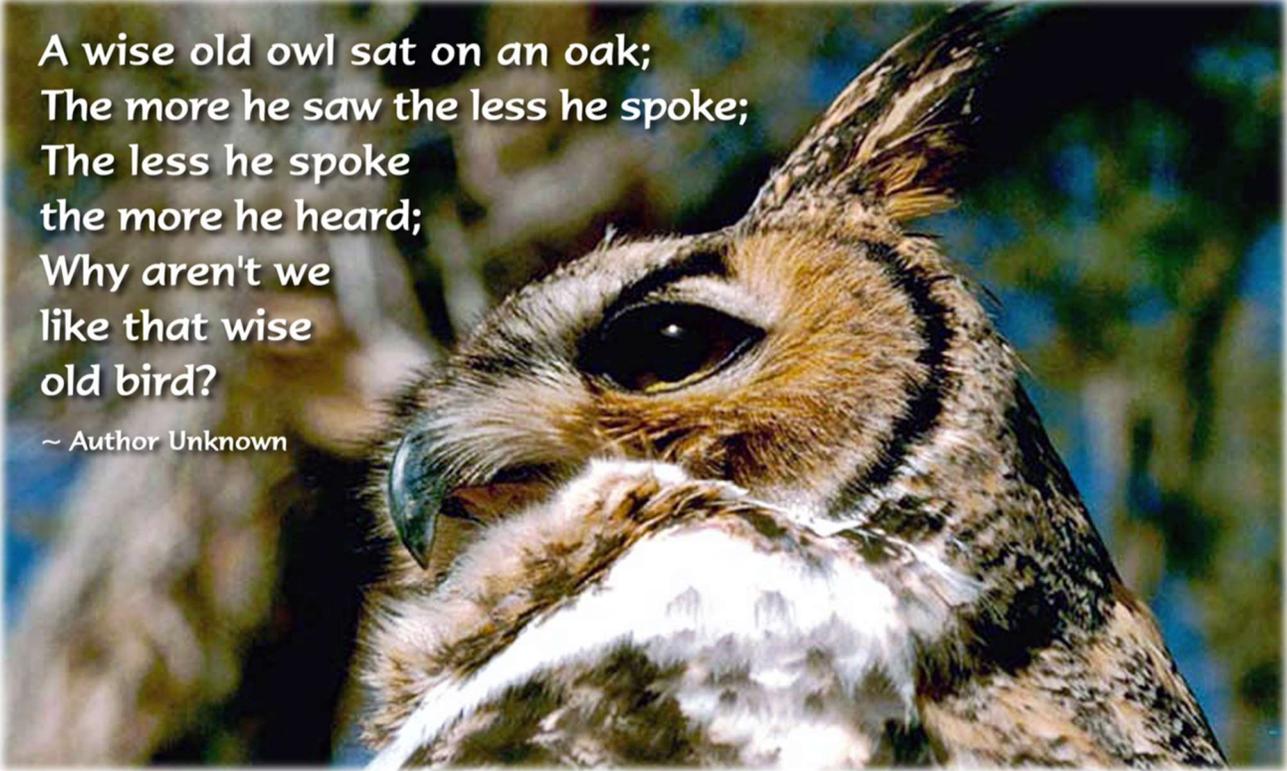


# *Bath Presbyterian Church*

*September 25, 2022*

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A wise old owl sat on an oak;  
The more he saw the less he spoke;  
The less he spoke  
the more he heard;  
Why aren't we  
like that wise  
old bird?

~ Author Unknown

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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: Springfield Northminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dwight McCormick

### Call to Worship: (Psalm 91)

One: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, say "God, my refuge and my mountain fortress in whom I trust".

**All: Our God promises to rescue us from the snare and shield us from poisoned arrows.**

One: God will cover us and allow us to take refuge under God's mighty wings. God's faithfulness will shield us.

**All: We will not fear the shadows that lurk by night or the arrows that fly by day.. Let us worship God!**

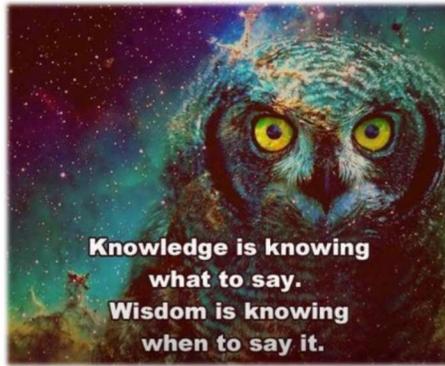
**\*Call to Worship in Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing"**  
(refrain only pg 821)

*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):**

We need to confess, God, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good



confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon:** This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins. God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn: #450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

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

### Youth Message

#### 1st Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### Music for Meditation

#### 2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 16: 19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: "The rich, the blind, the community" 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**

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

**\*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 - #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

**\*Benediction (In unison):**

One: God sends us from this place with a word of hope.

**All: We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.**

One: Jesus sends us out with the word of life.

**All: We will seek to share community with those we will meet.**

One: The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.

**All: We will trust that God's freedom will be offered to all people. One: Go in Christ's peace, this day and always!**

**\*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 – thru October 2

**Birthday:**

- September 27 – John Brackney

**Today:**

- Women's Group Baby Shower – After Worship



**This Week**

- September 26 - Finance Committee Meeting – 5 pm

**On the Horizon:**

- October 2 – World Communion Sunday
- October 2 – Coffee & Donuts – after Worship
- October 3 – Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3 pm
- October 9 – Donna Stewart Memorial Service – 2 pm

**Every Sunday:**

- Breakfast – 9 am
- Sunday School: On hiatus

**Ongoing Events:**

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

