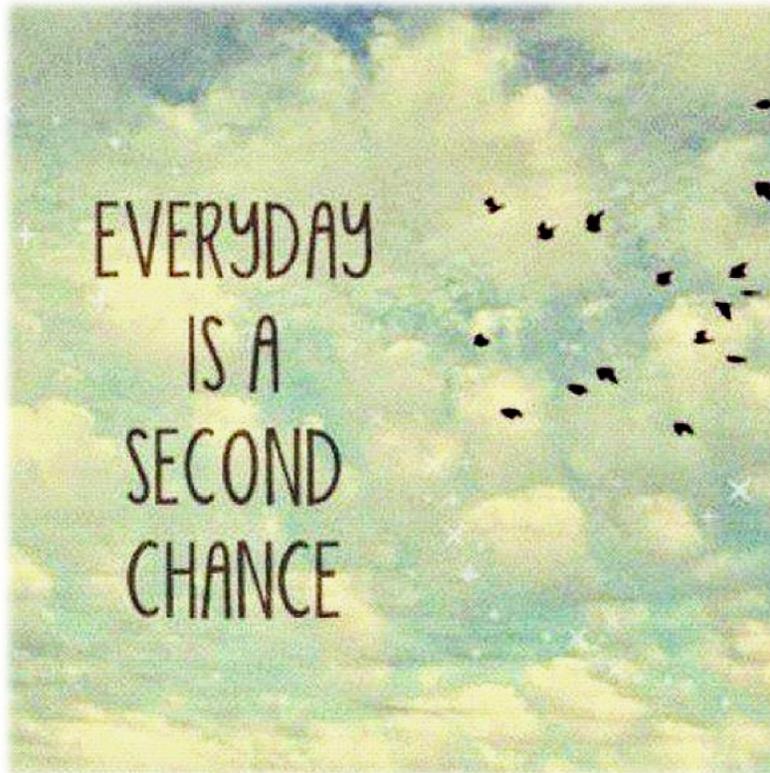


# ***Bath Presbyterian Church***

**May 15, 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:** Farmersville/Slifers Presbyterian Church – Moderator Sue Seiler, Pastor Shelly Wiley

### Call to Worship: (Psalm 100)

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship God with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and to Whom we belong.

**All: We are God's people, the sheep in God's pasture. 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) – **O God, we know that you are compassionate and slow to anger; abounding in love. Your Word tells us that you do not accuse or harbor anger for long. So, we can confidently tell you that we have sinned. We expect forgiveness for our own sins, but we do not show the same mercy to those who we believe have harmed us. From everlasting to everlasting your love wraps us in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we age, help us to fulfill your image more vividly. We pray through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

**\*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.

### \*Hymn – #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**\*The Passing of the Peace** – Stay 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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then

God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.

## Music for Meditation

### 2nd Scripture Reading – Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "It's getting late..." 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.

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

### 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 #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\*Benediction- (In unison) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. 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 16 – Betty Hardin
- 😊 May 19 – Carol Brackney
- 😊 May 22 – Carol Brickner

### Today

- ✓ Session Meeting – After Worship

### Mission:

- Pentecost Offering
- Jesus on the Street – May 27