

Bath Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

In Church, In Parking Lot (Radio 105.3 FM) or on Facebook

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*The Bumble Bee
Cannot Fly*

According to laws
of aerodynamics
the bumble bee cannot fly;
Its body is too
heavy for its wings
and that's the simple
reason why.

But the bumble bee
doesn't know this fact,
and so it flies anyway
for all to see.

Remember this when you're
losing faith or hope
God's proof that the
impossible can be.

A. S. Waldrop



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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: Southminster Presbyterian Church**, Pastors Nancy Birdsong and Steve Schumm, and Director of Children's Ministries Josh Sweeney

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Many: Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

One: May God meet us here today and teach us to recognize the work of justice, peace and love.

Many: Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

One: We are children of the living God.

All: Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

*Call to Worship in Music: #821 Refrain Only "How Can I Keep from Singing"

*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) - Perfect and Holy God, There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that will soon be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of the distractions that entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation.

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

ANYONE
WHO THINKS
THEY'RE TOO SMALL
TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE,
HAS NEVER MET
THE HONEY BEE



***Assurance of Pardon:** God is doing a new thing. New life is springing up from old ground. We are God's creation, and God has not forgotten us. For all of our sins, borne of our imperfections, God is at work, shaping and molding us anew. For a multitude of imperfections, we are forgiven!

Hymn – #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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 – Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord says—who makes a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and battalion;
they will lie down together and will not rise;
they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick.

Don't remember the prior things;
don't ponder ancient history.

Look! I'm doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?

I'm making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness.

The beasts of the field,
the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,
because I have put water in the desert
and streams in the wilderness
to give water to my people,
my chosen ones,
this people whom I formed for myself,
who will recount my praise.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Philippians 3:10-14

The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose.

Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

Sermon: "I am Feeling Very Jesusy Today" - The Most Reverend Derek Horton

***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: "What a friend we have in Jesus"

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit. Oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

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 - #450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

***Benediction-**

(In unison) May we go from here with the confidence that God is already at work in the world and in our lives. May we be partners with the work that God is already doing in the world.

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***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:

- ❖ April 6: Verna Drake

Today:

- ❖ Women's Gathering Bazaar – for Heifer

Mission:

- ❖ April 4 – Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3 pm
- ❖ PDA Collection for Ukraine

