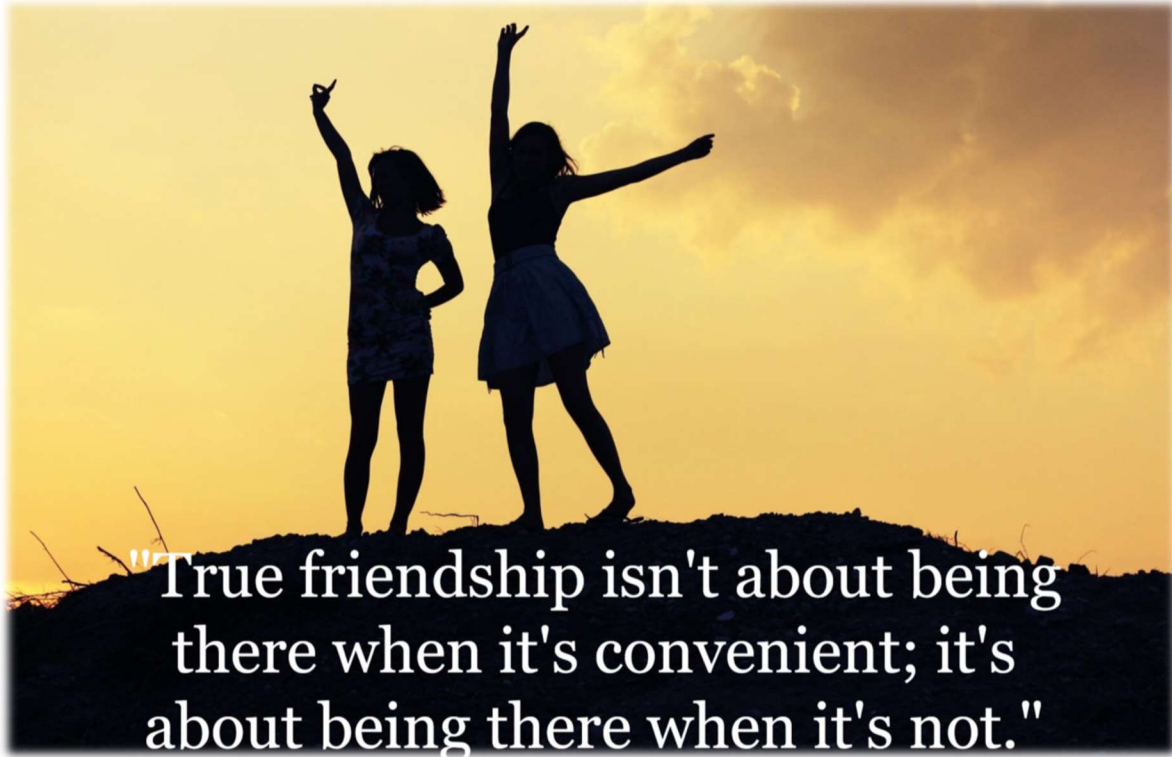


Bath Presbyterian Church

July 10, 2022

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"True friendship isn't about being there when it's convenient; it's about being there when it's not."

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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: New Carlisle Honey Creek Presbyterian Church, Moderator Norman Godfrey.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 82)

One: Oh God, we know that you are above the divine assembly and are above all other gods.

All: Oh God, defend the lowly and the orphaned. Bring justice to the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the weak and poor and save them from violence.

One: We admit, that compared to you, we know nothing, we understand nothing, we walk in darkness.

All: Rise up, O God, and bring justice to the earth, for all the nations are yours alone. Let us worship God!

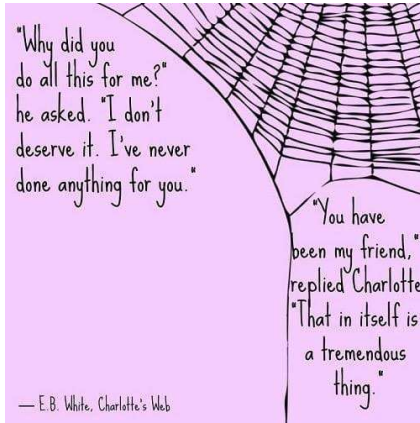
*Call to Worship in Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing" (refrain only pg 821)

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):

They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God. Some are family and friends we take so much for granted we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion. Others are neighbors: who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them. Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge: they are



weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of who we once were, or could become. Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity, and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our sisters and brothers; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Children of the Most High: you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance, bear fruit in all you say and do and think. God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy. We will go and do likewise. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn – #853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

***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 – Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall become a

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks Be To God**

Sermon: "Don't be a bystander" 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 - #203 "Jesu Jesu"

***Benediction (in unison)**: Let us never grow weary of doing what is right! Let us go to seek justice for all of God's children. Let us not grow weary of leading others to the kingdom! Let us go to follow Jesus' example of gathering all into grace. Let us not grow weary of speaking of hope and peace. Let us go to sow the Spirit's seed of life and hope. 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: On hiatus till Mid-August

Ongoing:

- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items; bar, hand & body soap.

Newsletter:

Committee information, photos, articles, etc., for the July Newsletter due by 15 July. Email inputs to Val Quinn.

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: "What, you too? I thought I was the only one."

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