

Bath Presbyterian Church

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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: Urbana First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Kazy Blocker Hinds

Call to Worship: (Psalm 66)

One: Shout to God all the earth! Sing the glory of God's name, give glorious praise!

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds, the whole earth worships you and sings praises to you - all creation praises your name!"

One: Come and see the works of God. God's deeds on our behalf are wondrous.

All: We rejoice in God whose reign of power lasts forever. Let us worship God!

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

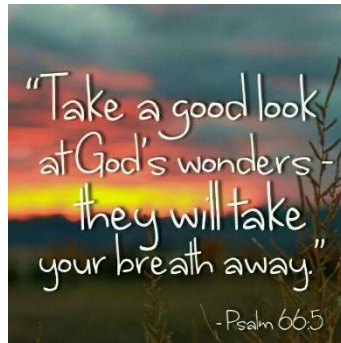
No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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***Prayer of Confession (in unison):**

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate.

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We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us. Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon: God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles. God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God.

***Opening Hymn: ##793 "O Christ the Healer We Have Come"**

***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 – 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had

commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Mixed Reviews on Healings" 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.

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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: #611 "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

*Benediction- (in unison)

One: In the words of the letter from the Apostle Paul to Timothy, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 NRSV)

All: May we leave this worship moment, resolved to be a sign of God's presence, to be an ambassador of God's grace, and a hospitable proclaimer of God's truth.

One: Go out 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

Birthday:

- October 10 – Stella Ferris
- October 13 – Jonah Haddox

Today:

- Donna Stewart Memorial Service – 2 pm



This Week:

- October 12 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 pm
- October 14 – Family Game Night – 6 pm

On the Horizon:

- October 16 – Pink Sunday
- October 16 – Session Meeting – after Worship

Every Sunday:

- Breakfast – 9 am
- Sunday School – 9:30-10:30

Ongoing Events:

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