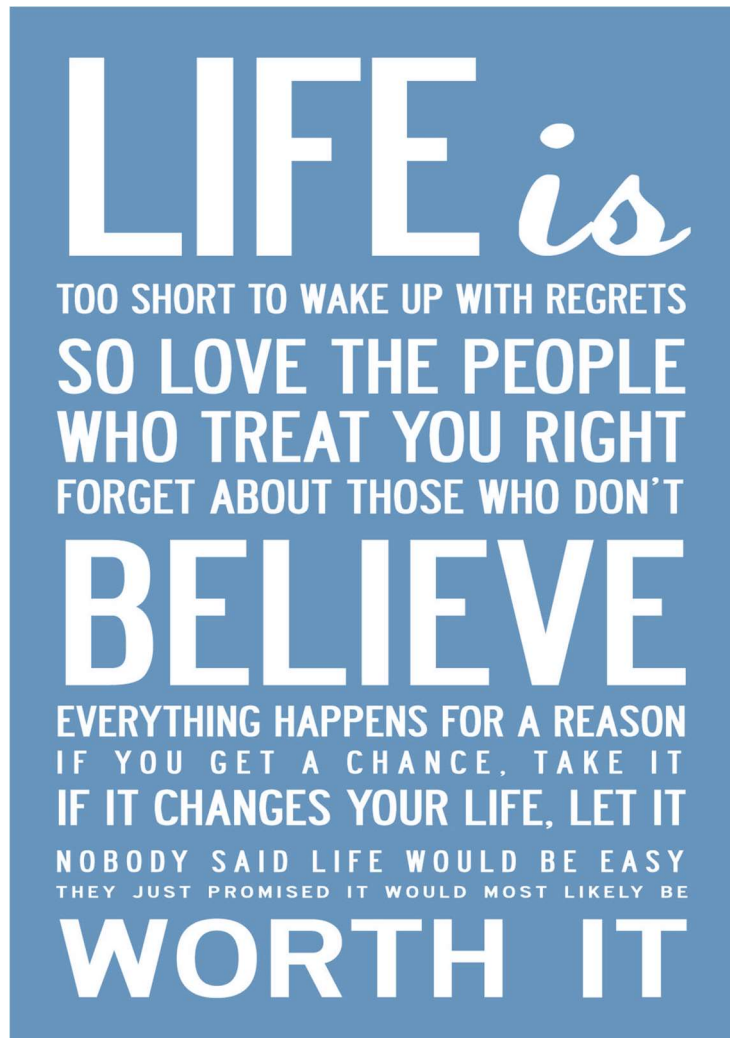


Bath Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022

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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: Piqua Westminster Church, Moderator Michele Sloan

Call to Worship: (Psalm 107)

One: Give thanks for God's goodness, God's love endures forever!

All: Let these be the words of God's redeemed, those who God has redeemed from the oppressor's clutches and brought home from foreign lands; east and west, from the north and southern seas.

One: Some of us are lost in the wilderness, in the wasteland, not knowing how to reach an inhabited town; many of us are hungry and thirsty. From time to time, our courage runs low.

All: Let us call out to you, our God, in our times of trouble. Rescue us from our suffering and guide us by the most direct route back to an inhabited town. 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):

How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so



different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice? Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** - Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom. In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn – #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading – Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. ⁸Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. ⁴³Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Colossians 3: 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the

*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: “Emmaus” Verna Drake

*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 - #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

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***Benediction (in unison):** Let us go with God to offer life to those around us. We will gather up the broken to offer them healing. Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope. We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten. We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts. Let us go spreading Christ’s 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 Events:

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

This Week:

- August 1 – Women’s Gathering – 10 am – 3pm

Anniversary:

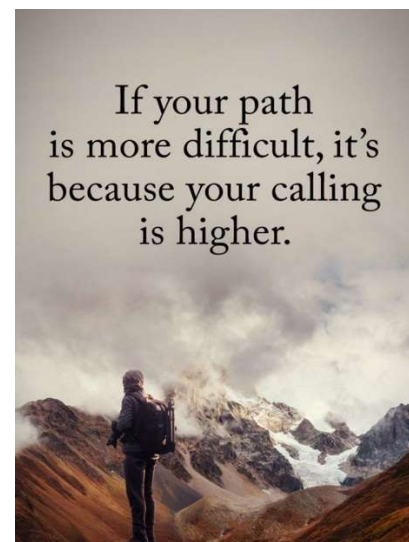
- August 6 – Jack & Abbie Keeton

Birthday:

- August 3 – Rick Lockwood

On the Horizon:

- August 7 – Ice cream Social – after Worship
- August 10 – Mission Meeting – 1 pm
- August 24 – Session Meeting - 5:30 pm



If your path
is more difficult, it’s
because your calling
is higher.