

# *Bath Presbyterian Church*

*September 4, 2022*

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Don't judge each  
day by the harvest  
you reap, but by the  
seeds that you plant.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

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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: Sidney First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Carol Pierson and Christian Education Coordinator Dawn Davis.

## Call to Worship:

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Blessed be God, creator of heaven and earth,

**All: He is the source of love and life for all creation.**

One: Like a potter at the wheel God forms us, shaping us for a fellowship that will last forever

**All: Through Christ Jesus, God calls us to be vessels of the Holy Spirit a people who bear the light of God into the world.**

One: Let us thank God today for his gracious love and call upon him to strengthen us within in his will.

**All: Let us draw near to God in praise and thanksgiving.**

## \*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:** You are children of God: beloved just as you are. In all things, approach God with hope, and God will meet you with grace.

**\*Prayer of Confession (in unison):** God, we admit that we have claimed the name of your son Jesus without examining the cost of discipleship. We have claimed the name of Jesus and then ignored the poor and hurting. We have claimed the name of Jesus and then walked past the infirmed. We have



claimed the name of Jesus and then served only our own interests. We confess these sins with hope for the future believing in your forgiveness and grace.

**Assurance of Pardon:** God is like a potter shaping our lives as we learn and grow. As God shapes our lives, may we feel the forgiveness of sins and the invitation to new life. Amen..

## \*Hymn: Breathe on me, Breath of God (see page 4)

**\*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 1:1-3

God blesses those people  
who refuse evil advice  
and won't follow sinners  
or join in sneering at God.  
Instead, they find happiness  
in the Teaching of the Lord,  
and they think about it  
day and night.  
They are like trees  
growing beside a stream,  
trees that produce  
fruit in season  
and always have leaves.  
Those people succeed  
in everything they do.

## Music for Meditation

## 2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were walking along with Jesus, when he turned and said:

You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot follow me unless you love me more than you love your own life.

You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and follow me.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. They will say, "You started building, but could not finish the job."

What will a king do if he has only 10,000 soldiers to defend himself against a king who is about to attack him with 20,000 soldiers? Before he goes out to battle, won't he first sit down and decide if he can win? If he thinks he won't be able to defend himself, he will send messengers and ask for peace while the other king is still a long way off. So then, you cannot be my disciple unless you give away everything you own.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: "I Have to Do What, Now?!" Pastor 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: "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 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord (page 4)**

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

**\*Benediction- (in unison)** Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others. Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads. Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world. Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus. Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle. Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us. Let us go in Christ's peace, today and always!

**\*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

**Mission:**

- Peace & Global Witness Collection – September 4 – October 2; envelopes available in the pews.

**Birthday:**

- September 5 – Al Beane

**On the Horizon:**

- ✓ September 11 – Coffee & Donuts – after Worship
- ✓ September 12 - Women's Gathering – 10 am – 3pm
- ✓ September 14 – Mission Committee Meeting – 1 pm
- ✓ September 15 – deadline to submit articles and photos for the October – December Newsletter
- ✓ September 25 – Women's Group Baby Shower

**Every Sunday:**

- ✓ Breakfast – 9 am
- ✓ Sunday School: On hiatus till Mid-August-September

**Ongoing Events:**

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



## **Breathe on me, Breath of God**

Breathe on me, Breath of God.  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee  
The perfect life of Thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch  
Music: Robert Jackson

## **Have thine own way, Lord!**

Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me  
after thy will,  
while I am waiting,  
yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me,  
Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord,  
wash me just now,  
as in thy presence  
humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary,  
help me I pray!  
Power, all power,  
surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me,  
Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being  
absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit  
till all shall see  
Christ only, always,  
living in me!

Adelaide A. Pollard

# Share Your Favorite Holiday Recipe or Tip

To be published in the  
October - December 2022 Newsletter



**Main Course, Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Side Dish,  
Salad, or even a Cooking/Serving/Decorating Tip**  
All are welcome!



***Submit by September 15***

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