

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

PRELUDE *The Lone, Wild Bird* Wilbur Held

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT HYMN #388 *Come All You People* Uyai Mose
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (repeat 3x)
Come now and worship the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP(responsively)** Liturgist: Michelle McDonald

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We cried to you for help and you answered us.

Leader: You have restored our lives;

People: you have rescued us from the grave.

***HYMN #754** *Help Us Accept Each Other* Baronita

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Hear our silent confession.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE #227** *Jesus Remember Me When I Come Into Your Kingdom*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (x2)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsively)**

Leader: Rise up from the dust!

People: Cast off the shroud of sorrow

Leader: and put on the joy of the Lord.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymnal Page 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:6-7

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

Love You Forever

by Robert Munsch

ANTHEM

River in Judea

John Leavitt

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-14

SERMON A Mother's Influence Brie Bradshaw

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** (From: A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to love as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Larghetto

Ch. H. Rinck

***Doxology (unison) HYMN # 609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* Pescador De Hombres

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #80** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap* their hands**; the trees of the field will clap* their hands**;

the trees of the field will clap* their hands** while you go out with joy.

***POSTLUDE** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hal Hopson

***Please stand if you are comfortable standing.**

USHERS: Bob and Joan Callecod

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war, Mothers who have lost children, those who have lost Mothers, those with strained Mother relationships, Mothers with strained child relationships, those who have chosen not to have children, those yearning to be Mothers, Jeff and Brie Schooley, Tom Marcin, Mike Halleck, Mickey Cochrane, Linda Myers, Brenda Fowler, Michelle McDonald, Daisy Boyer, Ann Titus, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery.

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Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accept each other as Christ accepted us; Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. **Refrain.**
Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.
2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. **Refrain.**
3. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving. **Refrain.**
4. You who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me: **Refrain.**

WE WELCOME Brie Bradshaw to the Pulpit this morning. Brie has been active in our congregation for her entire college career. She has served as liturgist, microphone runner, CE committee member, camp counselor, confirmation class teacher and most recently, as our Youth Director. She is a graduate of BGSU, as of last week, and is on her way to the University of Wisconsin where she will begin her Ph.D. studies in Chemistry. We will miss Brie terribly and wish her the best as she works for justice, peace and inclusion in Madison, Wisconsin.

ORDINATION OF MARY BIELEN next Sunday, May 15, at 3 pm. We are honored to host Maumee Valley Presbytery as we ordain one of our own, Mary Bielen. Join us in celebration!

Week of May 8 thru May 15

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:00 a.m. **Coffee & Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- TUESDAY** 1:00 p.m. **Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge**
5:30 p.m. **La Conexion Community Program**
5:30 p.m. **Session Meeting in the Gathering Place**
7:00 p.m. **Membership Committee Meeting**
8:00 p.m. **A.A. in the Fellowship Hall**
- WEDNESDAY** **MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
9:00 a.m. **Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**
12:00 p.m. **BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**
5:30 p.m. **Weekly Lectionary Study by Zoom**
7:00 p.m. **Trustees' Meeting in the Green Lounge**
Outreach Meeting
Mission Meeting
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public (masks required)**
5:30 p.m. **La Conexion Community Program**
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal in the Choir room**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
3:00 p.m. **Ordination Service for Mary Bielen**

Nursery Care is provided during the worship service & Sunday Conversations. Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.



Join David Montgomery on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Bible Lectionary Series by Zoom. This week the scripture we will be studying Acts 11:1-18, *When Will We Ever Learn?* How do we know if it is true?

What can we rely upon? John Wesley had a formula called the "Quadrilateral" which offers us a four-step assessment: 1) What does the scriptures say? 2) What has church tradition said? 3) What has your experience taught you? And 4) What is reasonable? (What do you think?) Peter's experience challenges what scripture and tradition has taught him- so how does he know if he can go outside the bounds of tradition?

Kindred Spirits Wraps for Year - The last session discussing the women in Jesus's family will be held in the Green Lounge at 4:30 pm on **Monday, May 9.**

SPRING SPRUCE UP - The Trustees are having two "spruce-up" events. All are invited to pitch in. **May 11th from 4:00 to 6:00** we will be cleaning up the grounds around the church. **May 21st from 10:30 to 4:00** we will be doing special cleaning inside the church. Feel free to come to the Men and Women's breakfast at 9:00 to get fortified, and help spruce up inside the church. Or come later and help for whatever time is convenient for you. or questions, contact Bob Callecod (419) 352-9453 or Linda Smith (419) 276-2354.



PENTECOST OFFERING TO GO TO FREEDOM SCHOOL

The second special offering of the year will be collected on **Pentecost, Sunday June 5.** This offering is intended to benefit children, youth, and young adults, and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our church is able to designate a local organization to receive 40% of this offering. At the Mission Committee's recommendation, the Session has

approved our portion of the Pentecost offering to go to Freedom School.

What is Freedom School? Freedom School is one response to ending the cradle-to-prison pipeline. It's a safe place for children to strengthen reading skills and experience new opportunities to grow and serve.

Monroe Street United Methodist Church (MSUMC) in Toledo has offered Freedom School since 2018. This summer MSUMC will again have students on site. They will observe all appropriate Covid precautions according to the recommendations at the time. Enrollment is limited to 50 students, with classrooms spread out throughout the building.

We are excited to be a part of this summer's Freedom School! There will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in the afternoon enrichment activities, will have more outdoor activities, and will go on 3 field trips. Guest readers will include in-person guests from the community and others from around the world, with Zoom technology bringing them to Monroe Street. As always, the heart of Freedom School will be reading instruction.

Goals of Freedom School:

- Prevent loss of reading skills during the summer
- Empower children as learners
- Engage students in community service
- Build positive self-esteem

For more information contact Gale Swanka, Rosemary Apple or Pastor David



Birthdays roll around once a year...and so does the PW Birthday Offering! This year there are two major grant recipients:

1. The renovation of the McCleary House in Farmington Maine for people experiencing homelessness. Their grant is for \$80,000 and will provide a warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals. Most are expected to live there for a few months. The home will provide a safe place for people needing to move forward with their lives.
2. The second grant is in Lares, Puerto Rico in the amount of \$105,000. The Presbyterian Church in Lares is the go-to location in the community for food, purified water, and personal items for many, especially those who are elderly and infirmed. The church kitchen is small, it is dated & not code compliant. It will be receiving new appliances, wiring, lighting, and plumbing and will be ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability. If you'd like to help fund these projects, please write out a check (made out to Presbyterian Women) with Birthday Offering in the memo. Put it in the offering plate or in our treasure's mailbox (Joan Callecod). Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others.

A HUGE THANKS TO THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE!

The PNC has been meeting, at least weekly, since August 2021 writing a Mission Information Form (MIF), receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF), sorting through the candidates, interviewing candidates in person and on Zoom, collaborating with the Presbytery's Leadership Commission, negotiating a call, securing Session's unanimous support and last week, having the congregation call the Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley as our next Called and Installed Pastor starting August 1, 2022. Do you see that? One year- one full year of constant attention to details, details, details, schedules, ideas, suggestions, opinions, and decisions.

Thank you! Dar Bevelhymer, Rosemary Apple, Maggie Layne, Dick Martin, Lisa Lawson, Jennifer Coddling and Donna Nelson-Beane.

With Jeff and Brie Schooley moving to town in August, we have established a **Transition Team** charged with making this transition as smooth as possible. So as we thank the PNC, may we pray for Joan Callecod, Lisa Lawson, Jennifer Coddling, Carolyn Layne and Gale Swanka who make-up this welcoming, hospitality commission.

We know that God's hands have been tending to us this whole time. Thanks be to God!