

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anna Beeker

PRELUDE

Aus Tiefer Not

arr. Jean Langlais

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Psalm 32

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

One: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

All: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

One: Many are the torments of the wicked,

All: But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

All: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

The prophet Isaiah once said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Friends, even if each of us here were perfect, there'd still be sin and the need for grace. Whether it is "guilty" or "guilty by association," our God is prepared to hear our prayers of confession and then assure us of our belovedness and forgiveness. Let us boldly approach this throne of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Fear, a Kyrie

Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymnal Page 583

"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 15:19

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:6-11

SERMON

"... Apathy"

ANTHEM

My Feet is Tired

Alice Parker

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively)

Confession of Belhar, 10.7-9

One: We believe that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right

All: Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

One: We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

All: Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Aus Tiefer Not Harmonization* arr. J. Ferguson

Doxology Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings 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



Venmo

*HYMN #661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Sparrow

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Will Walk with God

POSTLUDE

Aus Tiefer Not Harmonization 2

arr. John Ferguson

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ speaks and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Why Should I Feel Discouraged

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. **Refrain.**

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye in on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. **Refrain.**
3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. **Refrain.**

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, the family of Ken "Skip" Oman, Evan Dunn (grandson of Chris & Susan Dunn), Pete (Lee Liebetreu's brother), Glenn Varney, Lyn Long, Dave Horger, Scott Guthrie, Miranda Douglas, Ron Stout (Ellyn Stout's husband), Miranda Douglas, Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Jen Coddling I's mom & aunt, Anna Beeker's parents, Ashton's parents, Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

Week of March 8 thru March 15

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & refreshments (FH)
		Mission mtg.
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		Church office is Closed on Monday
	6:30 p.m.	BG Song (FH)
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	Session mtg. (Gathering Place)
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	6:00 p.m.	La Connexion mtg (GL)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (GL)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	5:30 p.m.	WeMeet dinner & discussion (FH)
	5:30 p.m.	Trustees mtg. (Gathering Place)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to public
		Staff mtg. Pastor Jeff's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY	4:30 p.m.	Helping Hands at 1st Christian Church
SATURDAY	1:30 p.m.	BGO PRIDE Clothes swap (FH)
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons mtg. (Library)

The Perrysburg Chorale has an upcoming concert this week. The concert is entitled, "A Wish of Peace" and will be performed on today **at 3 pm at Hope United Methodist** (10610 Waterville St., Whitehouse). Admission is free. Two members of our own church choir, Nettie Rose & Shirley Brannan, are members of the chorale.



Interfaith Forum – On Wednesday, March 18 there will be an Interfaith Forum at 219 Olscamp Hall (BGSU), 4:30-5:45 pm – Our very own Dr. Andrew Kunze, Assistant Teaching Professor in History, Asian Studies, and International Studies at BGSU will host four panelists across various religious traditions to discuss MONEY. This event is open to the public and you are encouraged to come support both Pastor Jeff and Andrew (as well as, of course, learn more about other traditions and your own).



Helping Hands: Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Helping Hands continues to be a BG community resource for providing food and hygiene items on the second Friday of each month. Our church contributes by collecting donations of hygiene and cleaning products. **For March, we need baby diapers sizes 4, 5, 6, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant.** Your donations are appreciated and will be picked up from the box located in the church lobby on Sunday, March 8 for the next distribution date of March 13. If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation can be made by check, Venmo or Pay Pal. The Deacons will do the shopping for you. **Thank you for your generosity and support. For questions, contact Terri McNamara at tmcnamara62@icloud.com.**



Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 white Easter Lily plants for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$16.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "lily" on the**

memo line. Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the Church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, March 25, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 5.

Please fill out your Easter Lily order with the following information:

Name _____
Phone number _____
In Memory or Honor of _____
Number of plants ordered _____



MULTIFAITH BREAKFAST

APRIL 14 | 7:15 A.M.

Event Details

The Bowling Green Human Relations Commission invites you to the return of this beloved tradition with a morning of reflection and fellowship. The theme for this year's breakfast is "Peace: Respecting Our Differences." Insights on cultivating peace through conversation will be shared, with time for guided discussions at each table. Students from across the region have submitted artwork inspired by the theme. The winning pieces will be on display.

Location

Veterans Memorial Building in City Park

The Olive Branch

Since ancient Greece, it's signaled the wish to resolve conflict and create peace between people of differing views. The "extend an olive branch" is to show respect and express the desire to live in harmony.

SCAN TO RSVP



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