

June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDES (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

Look Down on Us
Lost in the Night

Felix Mendelssohn
Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

CHORAL INTROIT #414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Psalm 46

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

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***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130:5-7)**

One: I wait for the LORD.

All: My soul waits, and in his word I hope.

One: My soul waits for the Lord.

All: More than those who watch for the morning. More than those who watch for the morning.

One: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

All: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

***OPENING SONG #619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
(verse 1)

Lauda Anima

***Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's
praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!***

(verse 2)

***Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress; God
is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!***

(verse 3)

***Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all
our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same. Alleluia!
Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!***

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CALL TO CONFESSION (Carol Prickett, *The Presbyterian Outlook*)

One: We call on the Lord from the depths of our pain. We wait for the Lord on the strength of our hope. Faithfully, let us confess our sins and trust in God to bring up new life and new ways of living:

*Please stand as you are able.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Evie Hughes, *The Presbyterian Outlook*)

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of everything around us - from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves - we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. Amen.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.
Respond with love. In Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #647** *Give Thanks* *Give Thanks*
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ.
With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us. Peace be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #455

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken *Listen*
Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 5:24-34*

²⁴ So [Jesus] went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you;

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how can you say, 'Who touched me?' ” ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Help the Outcasts

Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz

arr. by Audrey Snyder

Performed by: Marilyn Rodenhausen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. ¹¹ Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. ¹⁵ As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

SERMON

“Making Room for Abundance”

Amber Balista

WITNESS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

arr. by Bryceson Treharne

Performed by: Marilyn Rodenhausen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***SENDING SONG #39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

(verse 1)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

(verse 2)

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(refrain)

(verse 3)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(refrain)

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Lani Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Pastor Today – Amber Balista

Amber is a graduate from Dubuque Theological Seminary and a candidate for ordination under care of Christ Presbyterian Church in Chesterland. She has served as an intern at Valley and filled our pulpit multiple times.

Mid-week Lunch Group



All are welcome to gather for lunch together at Buckeye Café (located across from the church in Tanglewood Square) at noon on the second Wednesday of each month (July 10, August 14, etc.) for a time of good food, great coffee, and even better conversations.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center in July for BBQ bundles that are being distributed at the end of July:



Ground meat, hot dogs, buns, mustard, ketchup, barbecue sauce, chips, charcoal, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Take-out Community Meal



Community Meal **Tuesday, July 16** **4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

This month, we will, again, be engaging in our community meal program: preparing dinners to be available for pick-up or delivery. These meals are our gift to the community: to anyone who is in need of an evening of not cooking or the love that goes into making the food.

Menu: Pork BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, macaroni salad, berry crisp

If you are interested in helping, we will be cooking meals from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; assembling from 3-4 p.m.; and distributing / delivering from 4-5:30 p.m. In addition, if you would like to bake berry crisp (your recipe of choice) at home, please drop off by 10 a.m. on July 16th.

To sign up to volunteer or for the meal, see church website or July / August Valley Voice.

Faith Garden

We believe that it is a good thing to spend time in God's creation, and to be faithful stewards of the good gifts that God provides.

All the produce raised in the Valley Faith Garden is donated to the food pantry at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

You are invited to come and spend time in and around the Faith Garden – weeding, planting, picking, or just sitting for a rest – at these times (from May – September):

First and third Tuesdays of each month – 6-7 p.m.
Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:
Friday, July 19, 2024 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)
Saturday, July 20, 2024 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet (come when your schedule allows):

July

Sunday, July 21 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

August

Sunday, August 11 — 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20 — 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

Bev Keough
330-888-5385

Caring for God's Creation

Fridays: July 12, August 9
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (lunch included)

Cost is \$5 per child / \$10 per family per session
Children age 3 - entering 5th grade

God created an amazing world, and - as God's children - we have been called to care for it.

Join youth and adult volunteers from Valley as we learn about the mysteries and science of our natural world; and how we can participate in nurturing and healing the earth and all its creatures.

Activities will include music, movement, science lessons, working in the garden, service projects, and bible story time.

Register on the church website, through the June Valley Voice, or call the church office.

Faith & Love: Building Up Our Community with Fellowship, Meals, and Acts of Kindness

Coinciding with each of our **Caring for God's Creation** events for children is a meal for all ages featuring a speaker from the community who will share their expertise, along with a related activity. We would love for you to join us at our **Table Together Meals**. **Although it is not necessary, if you know you're coming, please sign up at the address below or via the newsletter, weekly email, church website:**

Sunday, July 14 - Table Together Lunch - after Chapel in the Woods

Nurture God's Loving Nature

Guest Speaker: Agricultural Farmer

Plant a small herb garden in a 2-liter soda bottle

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/RUdqXTpUN5hwhitAY6>

Friday, August 9 - Table Together Dinner - 5:30–7:00 p.m.

God's plan needs all of us

Guest Speaker: To be announced

Bloom where you are planted

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/bCahwwBNGWBe6BCG8>

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