

September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel in the Woods

PRELUDE (*A Time for Quiet Meditation*)

Be Thou My Vision

Christina Becket

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)**

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

All: God's greatness is unsearchable.

One: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***GATHERING SONG #664** *Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

(verse 1)

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

(verse 2)

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

(verse 3)

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we use this as a weapon against others, forgetting that God's love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins to God and before one another:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, when we allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love, and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

(Time of Silence)

*Please stand as you are able.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 5:17)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(verse 3)*

Faithfulness

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! 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!

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Forgiven and set free, let us be reconciled with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing, and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 105:1-2, 37-42

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

All: Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

One: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

All: They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

One: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

All: For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

ANTHEM

Come As You Are

Rand & Rand

In Order by Solo: Marilyn Rodenhause, Nancy Sullivan, Brenda Wahl

Chorus (congregation may join)

***Come as you are, come you weary. Come and lay your burdens down.
Come as you are, bring your hopes, bring your doubts and your scars.
Come as you are.***

*Please stand as you are able.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 16:2-15*

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."'

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

THE MESSAGE

"Bread from Heaven"

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL 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 *Loure from French Suite #5 in G Minor*

J.S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
(verse 2)

Faithfulness

***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.***

**Please stand as you are able.*

Choir Starting for 2026-27



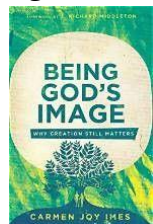
The Adult Choir started rehearsals on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We practice in the front of the Sanctuary until 8:30. SO.....We are always looking for new members to join us and add their talents to our choir!!!!!!

Choir practices are unforgettable,
Harmonies are created,
Our fellowship is strong,
Individual talents are shared, and we
Rejoice through song to praise and worship our Lord!



Choir Practice in Sanctuary
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. -- COME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Book Study – *Being God's Image: Why Creation Still Matters* by Dr. Carmen Joy Imes



I was recently introduced to the deep theological insights and scholarship of the author during my study leave seminar at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship in Michigan. Her book is insightful, but easy-to-read, and includes suggested scripture readings and discussion questions for each chapter. Weekly sessions will last 60-75 minutes and include an accompanying video from The Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/all>.

Eleven weekly sessions - Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (beginning Sept. 21) in the Church Library. Books are available in the Church office for \$15.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:
Friday, September 25 (1 – 4 p.m.)
Saturday, September 26 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

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

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Any meat, fresh fruit / vegetables, milk, eggs, lunch meat, bread, snacks, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who provided special music for the summer worship services!!! The variety of music and the talent that we are blessed with here at Valley is a "GIFT!!!"

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.



**The group will meet on Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:
September 27**

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. We are currently making items for babies and young children. If you have any size-3 or 4 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked “yarn” in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

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

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

Bev Keough
330-888-5385

Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

Credit card donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for “Donations” in the header. Can only be used for donations.

Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

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