



Service for the Lord's Day

June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Ruth Brown

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Carol Tornquist

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn 702

Christ Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us*

Declaration of Good News

Passing the Peace of Christ

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here in this safe and sacred place. So let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

LORD, you have examined me.

You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

You study my traveling and resting.

You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD,
that you don't already know completely.

You surround me—front and back.

You put your hand on me.

That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

**You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.**

I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.

Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

**My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.**

**Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.**

God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!

Their total number is countless!

If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!

If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

*All Stand***Gospel Reading**

Mark 2:23-3:6

Scripture and the Sabbath

Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?" He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he was in need, when he and those with him were hungry? During the time when Abiathar was high priest, David went into God's house and ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him." Then he said, "The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren't created for the Sabbath. This is why the Human One^[a] is Lord even over the Sabbath."

Healing on the Sabbath

Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step up where people can see you." Then he said to them, "Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they said nothing. Looking around at them with anger, deeply grieved at their unyielding hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did, and his hand was made healthy. At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus.

*All Sit***Sermon***Putting Sabbath in Its Place*

Tim Leigh

Responding to the Word*All Stand***Response Hymn 157***I Danced in the Morning*
Verses 1, 2, 3

LORD OF THE DANCE

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 live 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**Offering****Offertory Hymn 182***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your heart.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.... So with all those in every time and place who have called upon you expectantly, we rejoice in your gracious presence, singing:

Sanctus

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Communion Anthem

O Bread of Life from Heaven

David Ashley White

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 47

Bless All Who Trust in God

FRANCONIA

Benediction

Postlude

Simple Gifts American Folk Tune/arr. R. Schulz-Widmar

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, June 9: 1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35

TODAY

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will not meet during June, July, and August. We will resume our lunch gatherings in September.

COMING UP:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am. Learning can be anytime, and we appreciate ideas for what you would like to learn, how you would prefer to learn, and when that learning would best work for you. Sunday School will meet through the last Sunday in June, and classes will resume after the Pig Pickin' (which is August 18). Classes include:

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class is reading *Holy Envy; Finding God in the Face of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- A Bible study class is studying the book of Mark

Stay involved in our church. The need is mutual!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN We have the date for the **PW Spring Gathering** - Wednesday, June 5th! We will be meeting at the Baker Arboretum/Downing Museum in Bowling Green. Please plan to join us! Heavenly Ham Boxed lunches will be available for purchase (Lunch at 12 noon). You may reach out to Donna Meredith for more info (270-791-9888 / donnawmeredith53@gmail.com). Please **RSVP** to her or to the church office if you plan to attend.

Calendar

Sunday, June 2

8:30am	Fellowship
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Children's Music
10:30am	Worship

Monday, June 3

9:00am	GOD/DOG Is Love
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Tuesday, June 4

9:30am	Chair Yoga
11:00am	Special Care
5:00pm	Deacons

Wednesday, June 5

7:00am	Breakfast Group
5:00pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 6

1:00pm	Staff mtg.
7:00pm	Neighborhood Group

Friday, June 7

7:30 a.m.	Mens' Breakfast Group
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SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS! Vacation Bible School will be June 9-12. We are partnering with the Episcopal and First Christian Church for this year's Wild Wonder Camp curriculum. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm and activities start at 5:30. We will be needing volunteers to help prepare dinner, work as group leaders, head craft stations and set up. If you are able to help, please contact Susan Howard at sfyusk@gmail.com or 270-303-1767.

Links: for [Registration for participants](#) and [Volunteer Registration](#)

MISSIONS - JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on June 23. The meal will be served throughout the Sunday School hour 9:15 to 10:15 in the fellowship hall. If you do not want to miss your class, just take a plate with you! We'll have an omelet station for ordering custom omelets, fruit, pastries, and coffee, etc. This will be a great time to honor those men in your life as a late Father's Day gift. There is no charge, but donations received will go toward our Habitat for Humanity benevolence.

SAVE THIS DATE: This year's **Pig Pickin'** church picnic will take place on Sunday August 18. Plan to join us for outdoor worship and fellowship, with good food and fun!

OTHER NEWS

THE FAMILY OF WAYNE AND BETH POPE wishes to express their gratitude and thanks for the numerous expressions of love, sympathy, and prayer upon the passing of Wayne's father, Raymond Pope. Raymond loved to come to our services when he was in town and frequently asked about so many of you. Thank you for being the body of Christ in action.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JUNE A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader> Thank you!

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER has now finished classes for this term. Registration is currently open for next year's classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. Spaces remain in all classes, so if you or someone you know are interested in a quality preschool for a child, please visit our website or contact Kimberly Watkins at plcdirector@bgpres.org.

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Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey Treasurer: Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2024-Frederica Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2025-Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026-Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan

Deacons: Class of 2024 Trudy Burkeen, Evan Goad, Linda Leigh, Catherine Reber, Susan Thomison; Class of 2025-Barbara Brindle, Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey

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