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Service for the Lord's Day

July 14, 2024

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

arr. Carol Tornquist

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

We are here to sing your praises, O Lord!

Restore our souls, Dear Lord.

We come together to praise you with songs and joy.

Restore our souls, Dear Lord.

We come to hear the words of our Savior and ask for his mercy.

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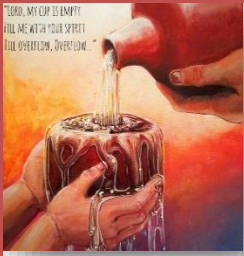
We are here for the knowledge and wealth of God's Grace.

Opening Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Call to Confession



Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Dear Lord, as we toil in days, we do not heed your command. You ask us to speak your words to others, but we are too meek and too fearful to do so. You ask us to remember all you do for us, but we are too selfish to do so. Forgive us for our reluctance to heed your calls. Remind us that our life, and anything we do, comes from you as well. Teach us how to be strong and spread your word unabashedly. 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

Hear this: although we are but lowly sinners, with unholy thoughts, and deceitful ways, God, through the Holy Spirit, has given us his only Son, so that we may have eternal life forever and always!

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

*Welcome everyone, no matter who you are, or from where you may have come...
We are in God's house. Let us take our time, and greet as many of another as we can as a sign of God's peace. May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 24:1-14

The earth is the LORD's and everything in it;

the world and its inhabitants too.

Because God is the one who established it on the seas;

God set it firmly on the waters.

Who can ascend the Lord's mountain?

Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?

Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart;

the one who hasn't made false promises,

the one who hasn't sworn dishonestly.

That kind of person receives blessings from the LORD

and righteousness from the God who saves.

And that's how things are

with the generation that seeks him—

that seeks the face of Jacob's God.

Mighty gates: lift up your heads!

Ancient doors: rise up high! So the glorious king can enter!

Who is this glorious king?

The LORD—strong and powerful! The LORD—powerful in battle!

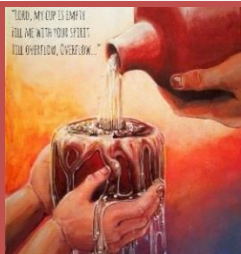
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Ancient doors: rise up high! So the glorious king can enter!

Who is this glorious king?

The LORD of heavenly forces—

he is the glorious king!

**Anthem**

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness
Jeremiah Simpson, baritone

Antonín Dvorák

All Stand

Gospel Reading

The Believer's Blessing

Ephesian 1:3-14

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

All Sit

Sermon

Fill 'Er Up

Craig Long

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn

Onward Christian Soldiers

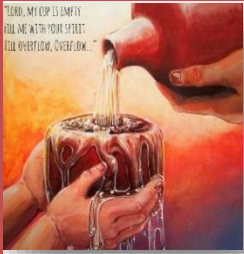
ST. GERTRUDE

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!*

Refrain

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song..
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages men and angels sing.*

to Refrain



Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

I believe in the living God, the nurturer of all humanity, who creates and sustains the universe through infinite power and redeeming love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, the Son of God, and Lord of Life Everlasting—because of his word and works, his way with others, his use of suffering and his conquest of death.

I believe that the spirit of God is present with us now, and can always be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the word, in the sacraments, in the fellowship of the church in its diversity and all we do.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Offering

Offertory Hymn 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Carol Tornquist

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Wyatt Edmunds, Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson, Johnna Smith, Aleathia Burt and Mack Overfelt.

LAY READER: Larry Warden

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Margaret Stein

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY July 21: 2 Samuel 7:1–14a; Psalm 89:20–37; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

TODAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Craig Long. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL NOT meet in the month of July and will resume after the ‘Pig Pickin’.

COMING UP:

PIG PICKIN takes place Sunday August 18, with the worship service at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic lunch immediately afterward. Please bring a dessert or side dish. As always, we thank the Beard family for hosting! Join us at 1061 Garvin Lane, Bowling Green KY 42101.

AUGUST 24th 6:30-8:30pm – *Sunset Jazz* featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering with Traveler’s Cellar Winery of Fuqua Road in Rockfield. This is a new place and partnership, and we are excited to offer another great night of jazz, food, and refreshments at this beautiful venue. Bring lawn chairs and a lot of friends as we reach out to our community.

OTHER NEWS

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JULY 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 Registration is currently open for the new 2024-2025 school year for the 2, 3, and 4-year-old’s classes. 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 .

AN INVITATION - DAVID CLARKE will be heading back home at the end of the summer to begin a new job in Northern Ireland. **Save the date of August 10th** at 5:00pm for his send-off celebration, to be held at Sandy Franklin’s home.

SATURDAY MEALS – The next Presbyterian Church hosting of Saturday Meals will be August 10, 2024. Mark your calendars. Currently, we only have two drivers listed and no one for assisting inside. We need nine more drivers, six people for sorting and packing, six for kitchen assistance and for the final step, three volunteers for wrapping meals. Please contact me at 2701935-5110 (msg); ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com; lovelynab@yahoo.com or call/text me at 619/368-2103. Thank you ever so much for all you do.

CECELIA MEMORIAL -- Asking for prayer for our church mother, Ms. Thelma Baker (Miss Thelma). She is currently in Hopkins Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Woodburn, KY. Ms. Thelma has been in this facility for some time now. The doctors will not release her without 24-hour care. We have all been through hard times it seems lately. We at Cecelia Memorial would appreciate all the visitation and love you can give her. Ms. Thelma has been a member of Cecelia for 90 years. It's difficult to look out and not see her sitting in the pews. Please pray for her and our church. Thank you all for your support in the past and I know that will be coming in the future. With the love Jesus, Lovelyn

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

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.

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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Calendar

Sunday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 15

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, July 16

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care

Wednesday, July 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

Friday, July 18

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast

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