

A *theophany* is a divine appearance, when a god or deity becomes visible or displays their power to human beings. Scripture is full of divine appearances. They bring up for us the question *What does God look like?* Or, to put it another way, *When will we know that we have seen God?* Or, to put it another way, *What does God do?*



Floor mosaic at the Church of the Multiplication, Tabgha, Israel

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

July 28, 2024

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### *Gathering Around the Word of Worship*

#### Striking of the Hour

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

*Moderato in F Major* from Orgelstücke

J. C. H. Rink

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

#### Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 145

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,  
**to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

**You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

#### Opening Hymn 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

#### Call to Confession

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (unison) from the Book of Common Worship

**Merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your holy name.

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

**Confessional Hymn 840** *When Peace Like a River (It Is Well...)* VILLE DU HAVRE  
Verse 3

### **Declaration of Good News**

**Passing the Peace of Christ** (responsive)

*Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.*

*The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.*

### ***Hearing the Word***

*All Sit*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Scripture reading:** (responsive)

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God:  
**twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack.** Elisha said, "Give it to the  
people and let them eat."

**But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?"** So he repeated,  
"Give it to the people and let them eat, **for thus says the LORD: They shall eat and have  
some left.**"

He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

**Anthem**

*Psalm 150* from Cycle of Holy Songs  
Darcy Merriman, tenor

Ned Rorem



*All Stand*

**New Testament Reading**

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias, A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also, the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

So, they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,

got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.

But he said to them, "It is I, do not be afraid."

Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*All Sit*

**Sermon**

*As Old As Time*

Bailey Pickens

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Jesus Draw Me Close*

Rick Founds

*Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You.  
For I desire to worship and obey.*

**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)**

**Gracious God, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. Therefore, teach us real gratitude: For our bodies, for our lives, for our friends, and for this world that you made so very good. Form in us hearts that give cheerfully, knowing that as you tend sparrows and clothe lilies so you provide for us; and, so build in us that perfect trust by which we come truly to be members together in your family. Amen.**

**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*

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 526**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

**Benediction**

Bailey Pickens

**Postlude**

*I Give You My Heart*

Reuben Morgan

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## *Announcements*

**USHERS:** Polen and Thomison families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Darcy Merriman.

**LAY READER:** Sheila Reeves

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** David Clarke, Laura Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY Aug 4:** 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1–12; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35

### **TODAY**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Catherine Reber. 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’.

**BUCK IN THE BASKET** there **WILL NOT** be a *Buck In The Basket Offering* today.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm – *Sunset Jazz*** featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering with Traveler’s Cellar Winery off 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 SEPTEMBER** 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](mailto:plcdirector@bgpres.org) .

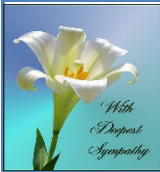
**AN INVITATION - DAVID CLARKE** will be heading back home at the end of the summer to begin a new job in Northern Ireland. **Save the date of August 10<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00pm for his send-off celebration, to be held at Sandy Franklin’s home.



**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 270-935-5110 (msg); [ceceliameorial1234@outlook.com](mailto:ceceliameorial1234@outlook.com); [lovelynab@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



*We Express Sympathy* to Nancy Carwell and family in the death of her brother; Cheryl Gregory and family in the death of her father-in-law.

**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 28**

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

**Monday, July 29**

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

**Tuesday, July 30**

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

**Wednesday, July 31**

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

**Thursday, Aug 1**

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

**Friday, Aug 2**

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast

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