



Tree of Hope, 2013. Artist: Leuthold, Julie²

Service for the Lord's Day

August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Fantasia in C

William Byrd

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Opening Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you rule in mercy over all your creation as awesome Creator and loving Lord. We praise you! Yet we confess that we have turned away from you and live our lives in exile and alienation. We are strangers to one another and wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling to live fully and gracefully as disciples of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Anthem

KYRIE

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

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Let us announce together the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

God's peace comes down upon us in grace and mercy. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

O God, open our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit so that the words of Scripture that we hear today may become your Word that inspires us and equips in this time and place. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalms 103:1-8

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Anthem

You Will I Love

Kevin Hildebrand

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

All Sit

Sermon

Sabbath Liberation

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Beautiful Savior
Chancel Choir

arr. Michael Burkhardt

All Stand as the gifts are brought forward and please join the Chancel Choir in the final verse of Beautiful Savior

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the Nations
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise adoration,
Now and forever more be thine!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your people in all the world. Amen.

All Sit

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

All Stand

Closing Hymn 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue from *Ein deutsches Requiem*, mvt. III

Johannes Brahms
arr. Nathaniel Brown

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¹Note: Some parts of today's liturgy were adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Roger Gench.

²This painting was auctioned to benefit the American Cancer Association.

Sermon Notes

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, Jeremiah Simpson and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Kelly Goad

MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 31 Proverbs 25:6–7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14:1, 7–14.

TODAY

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

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support the David's Room in the Inn (DRITI). Buck in a Basket Offering is a twice a month opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Just a reminder that Sunday School resumes today at 9:15 a.m. and continues weekly.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and provided by Ron Shrewsberry.

YOUTH GROUP The Youth Group will have their Kick-off Pool Party today, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Davenports' home. If you would like to volunteer to work with our youth, please attend. We have a time of service, fun, and fellowship. Call Terry in the church office at 270-843-4707 if you would like more information.

OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU We would like to thank the Beard family for hosting our Pig Pickin & Rally Day each year! Their generosity and gracious hospitality is a wonderful gift to our church and is greatly appreciated.

FALL GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial 6th Annual Fall giveaway is September 20, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church, 716 College Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky! They are accepting donations for the Fall giveaway, and are in need of school items and clothing for young men and women. Also, if you have gently used sports or music items that you would like to pass on, we will accept them as well. There is a great need this year for clothing and shoes. Please contact Lovelyn at lovelynab@yahoo.com; ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com, text or call 619-368-2103 for drop off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.

RESTOCK FOOD PANTRY Our Food Pantry has seen a great many requests for food assistance recently. The office is always appreciative of food donations for restocking our shelves. Items may be brought to the church office. Thank you for any help with this ministry! It is also possible to volunteer as one of our Pantry Shoppers, who buy in bulk, using church pantry funds. Call the office if you have questions.

FOOD DONATIONS THAT ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED: Canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, canned fruit or vegetables, 1 pound bag of dried beans, 1 pound bag of rice, mac n' cheese, and cans of meats (tuna or chicken).

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER is requesting assistance with some small items for the children for the 2025-2026 school year. The following items will be greatly appreciated:

- Play-doh
- 3 oz bathroom cups
- jugs of water
- toys for outside

All items will be put to good use in the upcoming school year. And remember that the **PLC registration** is still open and the new school year began on August 18! Consider mentioning our PLC to any folks you know with children ages 2-4. Thank you!

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at info@bgpres.org.



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 the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028- Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028- Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, August 24

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Pool Party

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
1:00 p.m. CUICHM

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, August 29

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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