



"How can we make sure to catch only the fish we want to eat?". Environmental Science Journal for Teens, OCTOBER 2022.

Service for the Lord's Day

July 26, 2026

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Brethren We Have Met to Worship
Beth Pope, piano

HOLY MANNA/arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 105

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

Sing to him, sing praises to God; tell of all the wonderful works.

Glory to his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done, his miracles and the judgements he utters.

Let us now give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name, as we make known to all people the work of our Creators hands.

Opening Hymn 175

Seek Ye First

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Call to Adoration and Confession

Psalm 105

Siblings in Christ, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts. Let us speak the truth as we confess together.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O LORD our God, You are one. To You, we strive to give all things. The good and the bad, the hard and the easy; however, we stumble and struggle in our efforts to follow Your instructions. You ask if we have understanding, and even at our best, the “yes” we say is weak. Lift us up, raise us from the depth of sin and conflict which separates us from You and one another. May we gain understanding, show us the good and the bad so that we may know which way is Your way. In all things we do, may it be for Your glory and honor...*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

Confessional Hymn 443

There Is a Redeemer

Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain. **To Refrain**

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven in Christ, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Jude 2

“May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance”. May the peace of 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)

Feasting on the Word

**Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of Your Holy Spirit, that the mystery of your heavenly realm is made evident here on earth.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalms 119:129-137

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name. Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

**Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept. You are righteous,
O Lord, and your judgments are right.**

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

In the Garden

GARDEN/Austin Miles/arr. Mark Hayes

Wayne Pope, baritone Beth Pope, piano

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses; *Refrain:* And He walks with me and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known. He speaks and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me, Within my heart is ringing. [*Refrain*] I'd stay in the garden with Him, Tho' the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe; His voice to me is calling. [*Refrain*]

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-51

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of God endures forever.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon

Fish and Everything Else

Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Let us do the good that we have to give and lift up to God our time, talent and offerings.

Offertory

Still, My Soul, Be Still

Beth Pope, vocal Wayne Pope, guitar

Stuart Townend/Keth Getty/Kristyn Getty

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear, Though winds of change may rage tomorrow, God is on your side; No longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow. Refrain: God, You are my God, And I will trust in You and not be shaken; Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone. [Refrain] Still, my soul, be still, Do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows. Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith against temptations flaming arrows. [Refrain] Still, my soul, be still, Do not forsake the Truth you learned in the beginning. Wait upon the Lord, And hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming. [Refrain]

All Stand

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)

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives might show forth your glory, for we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. 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 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

Benediction

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Edwin T. Childs

Beth Pope, piano

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Note: Today, Rev. Lane would like to offer you a **Prayer to Carry As You Go—a simple, grounding blessing to hold onto as you step into the week ahead. Each Sunday, as you leave worship and return to your daily rhythms, use this short prayer to steady your spirit, remind you of God's presence, and accompany you wherever the week leads. Today's prayer is not just a closing thought; it's an invitation to walk with purpose, hope, and peace. May it become a rhythm that strengthens you, encourages you, and keeps your heart aligned with what matters most.*

Prayer to Carry As You Go

Thy sea, O God, so great, My boat so small. It cannot be that any happy fate Will me befall Save as Thy goodness opens paths for me Through the consuming vastness of the sea. Thy winds, O God, so strong, So slight my sail. How could I curb and bit them on the long And saltry trail, Unless Thy love were mightier than the wrath Of all the tempests that beset my path? Thy world, O God, so fierce, And I so frail. Yet, though its arrows threaten oft to pierce My fragile mail, Cities of refuge rise where dangers cease, Sweet silences abound, and all is peace.”

Written by: Winfred Ernest Garrison, "The Prayer of the Breton Fishermen"

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Jacob Carr, Wyatt Edmonds, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

LITURGIST: Debbie Trickey

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington

NURSERY: Marilyn Anderson and Yamilet Bruno Sanchez (*Substitute, Sam Evans*)

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Frederica Kernohan. 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 Habitat. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

MAHJONG SMALL GROUP Summer of Mahjong! Want to play? Want to learn? Bring your lunch and invite your friends! We will gather after worship service today. Contact Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 with any questions.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will pause gatherings until after *Pig Pickin'* (August 16). They will resume their usual scheduled gathering once the event is over.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Children in Grades K-5 will not leave the sanctuary for Children's Church today or August 2. Children's Activity Packets are available in the Narthex.

OTHER NEWS

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH will begin Monday, August 3. Please be on the lookout for more updates. We appreciate everyone's patience and support during this time. Your understanding helps ensure the work can be completed safely and efficiently.

SAVE THE DATE We are less than a month away from Pig Pickin 2026, and we couldn't be more excited. Our church family will gather on Sunday, August 16 for one of our most joyful traditions. We'll begin with a 10:00 a.m. worship service and the picnic lunch immediately afterward... and yes, it's going to be *delicious*...Yummm!

PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER (PLC) is currently seeking volunteer substitute teachers for our 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to support young learners, gain hands-on experience in early childhood education, and make a meaningful impact with children. If you enjoy working with children, have a heart for service, or simply want to lend a helping hand, we would love to hear from you. Training and guidance will be provided to ensure you feel confident and supported in the classroom. For more information or to express your interest, please contact PLC Director Kimberly Watkins at plcdirector@bgpres.org.

ART EXHIBIT The Sunny 16 Photography Exhibit, now featured in the fellowship hall, will remain on display until July 31. This vibrant collection showcases Summer Nature as seen through the lenses of members of the Sunny 16 Camera Club. Each photograph highlights the unique artistry, skill, and perspective of local photographers who capture the season's beauty in striking detail. If a particular piece speaks to you, you can purchase it directly from the photographer using the email address provided on the artwork's label. It's a wonderful way to support local artists and bring a bit of summer's inspiration into your home.

CHURCH DIRECTORY—You can now access our church directory through an app on your cell phone or tablet. Just scan the QR code to go directly to the app to download it on your phone or tablet. Once you download the app, you will be directed to search for the directory of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. Just use your email address to gain entry to our directory (you must have your email address that is in the directory to gain access).



LITURGIST NEEDED FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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!



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, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, July 26

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Mahjong Small Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, July 27

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
2:00 p.m. Visitation-Betty Jo Beard
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

10:30 a.m. Celebration of Life-Betty Jo Beard
1:00 p.m. CUICHM

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

Friday, July 31

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

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