

Sunday June 9, 2024

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Blessing of Pets

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Welcome to our  
special service

blessing those who love us  
and are created for  
companionship and love.

# A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that those who are able may stand;*

***Bold type*** — *please respond in unison.*

*Let's Bark – Meow – Praise God Together!*

## WELCOME

Pastor Judi

Welcome to this special service to honor our animal friends.

**Welcome to humans and animals this morning,  
for all are important to God.**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

Where there is darkness, bring light;  
**and where there is sadness, joy.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 1

Give praise to God!

You angels in heaven, sing out glory.

You stars, sun and moon, shine bright with praise!

**God dreamed you and called you and here you are!**

You fish and whales and squid, sing praise in the deep.

You elements of nature, fire, rain, wind,  
cold and heat, stone and mountain – praise!

**God dreamed you and called you and here you are!**

You plants and forests, praise God as you flower and fruit.

You mammals, insects, reptiles and birds – praise!

**God dreamed you and called you and here you are!**

You people, Presidents and nobodies, rich and poor,  
women and men and girls and boys,  
in every corner of planet Earth,  
**God dreamed you and called you  
and here you are!**

So listen out for the Name that is above every Name,  
sing out with all the love and joy you can find  
for all you are is made by God,  
all you have is gift from God.

**Calling all creation – come and be found in praise!**



## OPENING SONG

*Jesus loves the little critters.*

*All the little critters of the world.*

*Be they yellow, brown or white*

*they are precious in his sight.*

*Jesus loves the little critters of the world.*

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*All the little critters of the world.*

*Be they furry, scaly, winged*

*they are precious, as are finned.*

*Jesus loves the little critters of the world.*

MISSION SPEAKER

Nancy Collins — BV Animal Shelter

## PASS THE PAWS OF PEACE

*GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SIGN OF PEACE OR  
A GENTLE TOUCH OF A FURRY FRIEND!*

PET STORY

“ROPES” By Mary Oliver from *Dog Songs*

## FREE-WILL OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

*Jesus blesses little critters,*

*All the little*

*critters of the world*

*Be they pets, or wild*

*and free*

*Companions they will be*

*Jesus blesses little critters of the world*

*(sing twice)*

## PRAYER FOR CREATION:

Lord of all Creation, we pray for the world and all living things.

**All life is your design; your breath is life for all.**

We pray for the wild things, creatures of sea and air and land, and we confess we humans have damaged so much of the world.

**Protect the wild and beautiful places, Lord, and all who live in them.**

We pray for the animals who share our homes, those we choose and those we do not choose.

**Bless our pets, O God; thank you for their love.**

We pray for working animals, for guide dogs and police dogs and farm dogs, for the hens who lay our eggs and the cows and goats who give us milk.  
**Bless and protect the animals that serve us in so many ways.**

We pray for the tiny animals and the large ones, those we see and those we don't, for all are part of God's vastly complex creation, and all have a place.

**Thank you for our place in your creation, Lord.**

**Make us good companions to the animals of the earth.**

Go in peace to be a blessing to the world.

Enjoy creation and each other.

Share signs of love, peace and patience,  
as Jesus did with all whom he encountered. Amen.



Now for all who wish to receive a Pet Blessing,  
join me in our blessing of the Pets!

## **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

Most Loving Creator, may we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Bless and protect them, Lord, for your love of all your creatures. Help us to always be good to our pets, so that they may be happy and healthy! Amen.

### **Blessing of Individual Pets**

N. \_\_\_\_\_ (name of animal) may you be blessed and  
may you and N. \_\_\_\_\_ (name of caregiver) enjoy  
life together and find joy with God, who created you!  
Amen.



*Thanks for worshipping! Now it's snack and treat time.*



# Weekly News



## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

*Please visit our website [www.pcbv.org](http://www.pcbv.org), or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.*

**For Pastoral  
Emergencies, please  
call or text  
Pastor Judi.**

**Deacons on Call  
for June:**

## OFFICE HOURS

MON- WED:  
9 am to 4 pm  
THURS 9-2 pm

FRIDAY: CLOSED

### Last Sunday's Attendance:

In-Person: 100 Online: 6

### BLESSING BOX

Summer is here the temperatures are soaring. For food safety, canned goods will not be added to our blessing box leaving only boxed or bagged

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Time to start collecting school supplies for Gravette Schools. A list of supplies will be in the connector hall. There are tubs marked for school supplies in the connector hall. We will put boxes on the stage in Fellowship hall soon. If you prefer you can make a check to PCBV; memo line school supplies and we will purchase them. - *Missions*

### SNACK PACKS FOR KIDS

The June, July and August collection will be Snack Packs for Kids. This is for Helping Hands. Place items on

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your newsletter submissions to [adavidson@pcbv.org](mailto:adavidson@pcbv.org) with "newsletter" in the subject line. Submissions due Mon/Tues. Thanks!

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 9

10:00am Worship &  
Pet Blessing @ The Park

### Monday, June 10

4:00 pm Book Group (CH  
1-2)

### Tuesday, June 11

8:00am PEO Chapter BR  
(F/H)  
9:00am CPR Training (C)  
9:30-11:30am PP Manual  
Review(A)  
5:30-6:30 Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, June 12

10:30am Staff Meeting

### Thursday, June 13

9-4 (First Bentonville Staff  
Planning, Private) (A)  
12-2 pm PW Meeting (F/  
H)  
2:00 pm Book Group (Ch 3  
-4) (F/H)

### Friday, June 14

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

### Saturday, June 15

No events

### Sunday, June 16

10:00am Worship

## REPORT A REPAIR

We have added a form in the Connector Hall for members to report any repairs that may be needed.

## Newsletter Submissions

Please email Ann at [adavidson@pcbv.org](mailto:adavidson@pcbv.org) for any Newsletter items!

You may also sign up for flowers in the office. Call us to reserve a Sunday.



## SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Our book study “Falling Upward” continues on Mondays at 4 PM and Thursdays at 2 PM (Fellowship Hall). Please check the online calendar for up to date information on Chapters to read and where the Monday group is gathering!



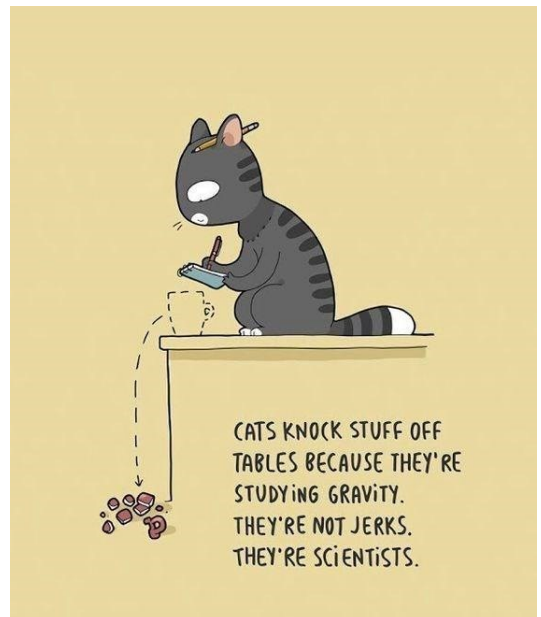
### Birthdays

June 17 Bill Wellner

June 18 Jennette Martin



## SUNDAY FUNNIES



# PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ Highlights



Thank you to everyone  
that came to see our  
wonderful models and  
enjoy our tea and treats.  
It was a successful  
show, thanks to  
everyone that worked  
to put it on.



