



Sunday June 23, 2024

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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of BELLA VISTA

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Shepherd Group #5
Delores Jennings, Dan Dovell

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“Faith, the Cornerstone”* Edward Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the storms of life arise
and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,
remember the power of our Savior to calm,
to still, to establish peace.

*HYMN #268 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins
that detract and distract us from God’s path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to "pass the peace" to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

First Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 17:4-11

⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was four cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron, and his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 107:1-3

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever

² Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

³ those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north to south.

ANTHEM

"Here Comes the Light"

Joseph Graham

Second Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 17:19-23 and 32-49

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.

SERMON

“David v. Goliath”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” (vs 1,2,4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(a brief statement of faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all

families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God and God's ministry.

OFFERTORY

"The Scriptures"

James Southbridge

***DOXOLOGY #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #694**

“Great God of Every Blessing”

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

GOING FORTH #288

“Spirit of The Living God” (vs1)

***POSTLUDE**

“Holy, Holy Holy”

Lani Smith



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

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

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON– WEDS:
9 am to 4 pm
THURS: 9am to 3pm
closed for lunch 12-12:30
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 248-688-8736. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call
for June:
Sharon Judson,
Rich Winsor

6/18/2024 Attendance:
Members: 99, Visitors: 8, Online: 17



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

Birthdays

June 29—Richard Dahlquist

Birthday Lunch Bunch

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, June 28, 11:30, at Lake Point Restaurant, 101 Marina Drive, 479-855-8110. It doesn't have to be your birthday, just come for fun, food and fellowship. Please sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are attending.

SHEPHERD GROUP #4

Our June get-together will be Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden in Rogers. Please let Barb or Joe Tropansky, 479-876-2308 or tropanskyjb@gmail.com, know whether you will or will not attend by Sunday, June 23rd.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your submissions to pcbvoffice@pcbv.org with "newsletter" in the subject line.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23

10am Worship
11:30am—Shepherd Group Leaders Meeting (A)

Monday, June 24

4pm—Book Study, Parlor (Ch. 5-6)

Tuesday, June 25

9:30-10:30am Spiritual Life
5:30pm –6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, June 26

11:30am-12:30pm Shepherd's Group #4 Lunch—Olive Garden—Rogers
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 27

2:00-3:00pm-Book Study, (Ch 5-6)
5:00-7:00pm Ferncliff Event at Peel Museum (free)

Friday, June 28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
11:30AM-12:30PM Lunch Bunch (Lakepoint Restaurant)
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, June 29


No Events

Sunday, June 30

10am Worship

The church received word that Jim Janssen passed away on June 15th. Jim was 96 years old and had been in failing health the last few years. Jim and his wife, Gwen, were longtime Bella Vista residents and active members of our church up until they moved in 2018. Jim was the president of the Bella Vista Bluebird Society and set up thousands of bird nest houses across Bella Vista. If you would like to send Gwen your condolences, her address is:

Gwen Janssen
13905 Breanne Lane
Homer, Glen, IL 60491



Our Condolences are with the family of Hope Kinney. She entered the church triumphant on June 18th. Prayers for her children and their families.

The church is seeking a new Administrative Assistant. If you know of someone who might want to apply, please see Elder Lon Cross for a copy of the description. We are posting on various on-line job boards and will keep you updated on the progress. Thank you for your patience during this transition time.

