



Sunday July 21st, 2024

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA

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Special Musicians

Sandy Andrews & Charles Whitford

WELCOME DESK

Sharon Judson

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Delores Jennings, Jan Grim, Karen Watson, Mary Nimis-Tysk

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #4

Mary Nimis-Tysk and Peggy McMenus

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

“Sonate VII, Largo”

Jean Baptiste Loeillet, op. 1 Nr. 7

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 11:28-30)

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.

Jesus said, “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.
Give thanks to God; bless God’s name!

For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN 744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, “Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with “busy-ness.” Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Ephesians 2:4-10)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth,¹ called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, ¹⁵ abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 89:1-5

1 I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all
generations.

**2 I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

³You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to my servant David:

**⁴‘I will establish your descendants forever
and build your throne for all generations.’ ” *Selah***

⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sonate 1, Allegro”

Jean Baptiste Loeillet, op. 1 Nr. 7

Piano—Sandy Andrews Recorder—Charles Whitford

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he

had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. Open our ears and our hearts to your teachings, Lord, that we may be strengthened in our faith and equipped for ministry in your name. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #738

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
(vs 1,2,4)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From "A Declaration of Faith")

God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We

must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone.

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 (2 Corinthians 9:13)

When the apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to participate in the offering for the saints in Jerusalem who were in need, he wrote, “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others.”

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings, that we may supply the needs of the saints, overflow with thanksgiving to God, glorify God, and share generously what God has so graciously given to us.

OFFERTORY

“More To Love”

Carol Tornquist

***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**

God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #758**

“Why Do Nations Rage Together”

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #836**

“Abide With Me”

(vs. 1)

***POSTLUDE**

“This Little Light of Mine”

Mark Hayes



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 2pm
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 July:
Terry Woods,
Sharon Judson,

7/14/2024 Attendance:
Members: 106 Guests: 11 Online: 39



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

Did you receive the One-Call about a member's 100th birthday last Sunday? If so, you're all set. If not, and you want to be added to One-Call, please inform the church office with a current phone number. Thank you!



August 4th—
11am-12pm
Potluck (bring sides!)

BIRTHDAYS

July 21 Becky Morgan

July 22 Cindy Forsyth

July 26 Kenneth Zornes

July 26 Fred Crenshaw

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

10am Worship
11:00am-12:00pm—New Members Class (Parlor)

Monday, July 22

4:00-5:00pm Book Study (Ch 9-10)

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

No Events

Thursday, July 25

No Events

Friday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 27

No Events

Sunday, July 28

10am Worship



We're moving August 8th!

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Our last Sunday is August 4th.

The Ladies'
Birthday group will
resume in August.

Watch for a date
and location to
celebrate!



