



Sunday July 7th, 2024

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA**

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Special Musicians

Arlene and Jerry Biebesheimer, Christy and Bud Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS

Eddie Lou Taylor, Vicki Erickson, Gary Harris, Sharon Warner, Peggy Prevost

WELCOME DESK

Pat Zorne

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Terry Woods, Delores Jennings, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #2

Barry & Maura Owen

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 *“Simple Blessings”* Charity Boyles

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

**May our hearts and minds be open to what God might
say to us this day.**

Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,
let us gather to worship God!

***HYMN #664** *“Morning Has Broken”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun.
You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be.
Know you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God! 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

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

² He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 48

¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God
His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

³ **Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.**

⁴ Then the kings assembled; they came on together.

⁵ **As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight;**

⁶ trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,

⁷ **as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.**

⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. *Selah*

⁹ **We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.**

¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.

¹¹ **Let Mount Zion be glad; let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgements.**

¹² Walk about Zion; go all around it; count its towers;

¹³ **consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation**

¹⁴ **that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Jack Schrader

Quartet—Arlene and Jerry Biebesheimer, Christy and Bud Clark

New Testament Reading

Mark 6:1-13

⁶ He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts,⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. Speak Lord, for your people are listening. Amen

SERMON

"Keep Your Eye On the Ball"

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #667 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (vs 1,2,4)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe when Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When Jesus acted, he acted with God's power. Jesus amazed people with his deeds of power, but he was also gentle and loving. Even now, he cares for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for sheep. Jesus also called his disciples to follow him. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to always trust in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life. We live our lives in gratitude for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Amen

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

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God's work in the world.

OFFERTORY

“Lyric Piece”

Susanna Keeny

*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

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten free bread is provided on a tray near the servers.
If you need the elements brought to you, please raise your hand and an usher will bring the bread and cup.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise ...

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #645** *“Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above” (vs1,2,4)*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #675** *“All Praise To Thee, My God This Night” (vs1)*

***POSTLUDE** *“O Worship the King”* Franklin Ritter



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 July:
Terry Woods,
Sharon Judson,

6/30/2024 Attendance:
Members: 102, Visitors: 16, Online: 14



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



There is a sign-up sheet in Connector Hallway to "Check" your 3 Favorite Hymns for our August 25th Hymn Sing. Add your favorite to the list if you don't see it!

The church received word that Marvel Pokorny passed away on Friday, June 28th. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS

July 7 Kay Burroughs

July 14 Cathy Rew

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

10am Worship / Communion

Monday, July 8

1:00-2:00pm Operations (A)
4:00-5:00pm Book Study (Ch 7-8)

Tuesday, July 9

8:00am-12:00pm PEO
Chapter BR (F/H)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, July 10

10:30am-11:30am Staff Meeting (A)

Thursday, July 11

2:00-3:00pm Book Study (Ch 9-10)

Friday, July 12

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

Saturday, July 13

8:00am-12:00pm Art Group (F/H)
9:00am Stated Session (A)

Sunday, July 14

10am Worship

Please RSVP to Judi and Ron's wedding on August 24, 2024 (11 am, church sanctuary) using either Judi's email or the sign-up sheet in connector hallway! Thank you.



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. Boxes are on the stage in Fellowship hall. If you prefer you can make a check to PCBV; memo line school supplies and we will purchase them. Thank you! -

Missions