



Sunday August 18th, 2024

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Eddie Lou Taylor

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Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

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COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #3

Nancy Ortman and Buddy Needham

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

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

Arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111:1-4)

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds,
The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

*HYMN #41

*“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”
(vs 1,2,5)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Ephesians 4:31-32)

³¹Put away from you all bitterness
and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander,
together with all malice,
³²and be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.

For in Jesus Christ, we are fully and forever forgiven.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hymn of Promise”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Duet — Jerry and Arlene Biebesheimer

FIRST READING (Days 1-3)

Genesis 1:1-13

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Responsive (Second) Reading (Days 4-5)

Genesis 1:14-23

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,

¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, as we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit to enliven our lives and ministries, take the shades from our eyes, the stoppers from our ears, and the shields from our hearts so that we can hear and see and feel anew the truth and life-giving power of your Word.

THIRD READING (Days 6-7)

Genesis 1:24-2:4a

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves

upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

SERMON

“Breathing Space”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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

O taste and see that the Lord is good, and happy are those who take refuge in him. Surrounded and fed by God's goodness, let us return of the gifts that we have received in abundance.

OFFERTORY

"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"

Arr: Mark Hayes
with Charles Whitford

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

We present these gifts, O Lord,
asking that you will use them through the church
to spread the abundance
of your love and justice in the world,
that all may taste your goodness

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN # 263

“All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name!” (vs 1,2,4)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #66 *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* (vs. 1)

*POSTLUDE

“Lead On O King Eternal”

Arr: 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 3pm
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 August:
Mary Hackleman
David Rew

8/11/2024 Attendance:
Members: 85 Guests: 4 Online: 16

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



The flowers today are provided by Barb & Joe Tropansky who are celebrating their 64th anniversary of August 20th.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, August 19

9:00-10:00am PP Manual Meeting (A)
11:00am-3:00pm PEO Meeting Chapter CD (F/H)

Tuesday, August 20

8:00am-9:00am Volunteer Breakfast
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, August 21

10:30-11:30am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 22

10:00am-1:00pm PEO Chapter BR (F/H)

Friday, August 23

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)
5:30-6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 24

11:00am -12:00pm McMillan—Gilmer Wedding (Sanctuary/FH)

Sunday, August 25

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship (Hymn Sing)

BIRTHDAYS

August 18 Tristan Francis

August 24 Steve Knudsen

BRUCE ALLEN PASSED AWAY ON
AUGUST 11TH.
PLEASE KEEP DIANNE IN YOUR
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING
THIS DIFFICULT, UNEXPECTED
TIME. NO SERVICES WILL BE HELD.
BRUCE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF
THE CHURCH . HE WILL BE MISSED
BY US ALL.



CHANCEL CHOIR
STARTS BACK UP
THIS WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 21ST AT
6PM



BUD CLARK IS DOING FINE AFTER
HIS SUCCESSFUL PROCEDURE AND
THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR
PRAYERS!

SHEPHERD GROUP 1 GAME PARTY
AUGUST 26TH 3:00-5:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
HOSTESS: LANNI JOHNSON



BRING A GAME TO PLAY AND SNACKS
TO SHARE
TEA, LEMONADE AND WATER
WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE RSVP TO LANNI JOHNSON
208-899-9226