

Sunday August 25th, 2024

**14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **BELLA VISTA**

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# 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

*“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”*

Arr. Mark Hayes

### CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God’s presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us, we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

**For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Let us worship God!**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes we wander, God. Sometimes we fall. We come into your gracious presence to be healed, made whole and new.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sing Hymn #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1 and 3)**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from #87 v. 1)

Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace! So says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.  
To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

As Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.  
May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Let us share signs of peace with our neighbors)*

## WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:20-21

“The Song of Miriam”

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.<sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Praise For God's Universal Glory

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**Prayer for Singing!** (read)

(From Hymn #5 “God the Sculptor of the Mountains” v. 3)

God the dresser of the vineyard,  
God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest,  
God the source of all we eat:  
you are host at every table;  
we are hungry; feed us now.     **Amen.**

**HYMN OF CREATION #14**     *For The Beauty of the Earth” (v.1 & 3)*

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN #721**

*“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (v.1 &4)*

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 7:24-27

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN #353**

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (v.1 &2)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (sung)**

**HYMN #649**

*“Amazing Grace (v. 1,3,4)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

Let us attend to our joys, concerns, sorrows and needs...

Lord, in your mercy      **All: hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world, nation and city....

Lord, in your mercy      **All: hear our prayer.**

Let us prayer for the Earth...

Lord, in your mercy      **All: hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Hungry and Sick...

Lord, in your mercy      **All: hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY            *"Jesus is All the World to Me"*        Arr: Mark Hayes

\*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.**

## \*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Grant us, Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be open to hearing all your children. Grant that the eyes which have seen your love may be open to viewing all creation through the lens of hope. And may the tongues which have sung your praise may speak truth in love. We thank you that your grace and glory is for now and evermore. You have gifted us so we may gift one another. **Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL FAVORITES — Top 5 Hymns

HYMN #839            *"Blessed Assurance"*  
HYMN #625            *"How Great Thou Art"*  
HYMN #465            *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*  
HYMN #157            *"I Danced in the Morning"*  
HYMN #340            *"This is My Song"*



# WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

## INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*SONG:

**Go now in peace  
Go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere  
Everywhere  
You may go.**

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*“All Hail the Powers of Jesus Name”*

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](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.

## 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](mailto:jmcmillan@pcbv.org) stating your need.

Deacons August:  
Mary Hackleman  
David Rew

8/18/2024 Attendance:  
Members: 88 Guests: 8 Online:8

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



*The flowers this morning are given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom and Linda McMillan to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Judith McMillan and Ron Gilmer.*



## BIRTHDAYS

August 28 Ronnie Prevost

August 28 Dick Sterup

August 30 Marlys Walters

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 25

9am Christian Ed Class

10am Worship (Hymn Sing)

### Monday, August 26

3:00-5:00pm Shepherd Group

#1 Game Party (F/H)

### Tuesday, August 27

9:30-10:30am Spiritual Life (A)

5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, August 28

6:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, August 29

NO EVENTS

### Friday, August 30

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

### Saturday, August 31

NO EVENTS

### Sunday, September 1

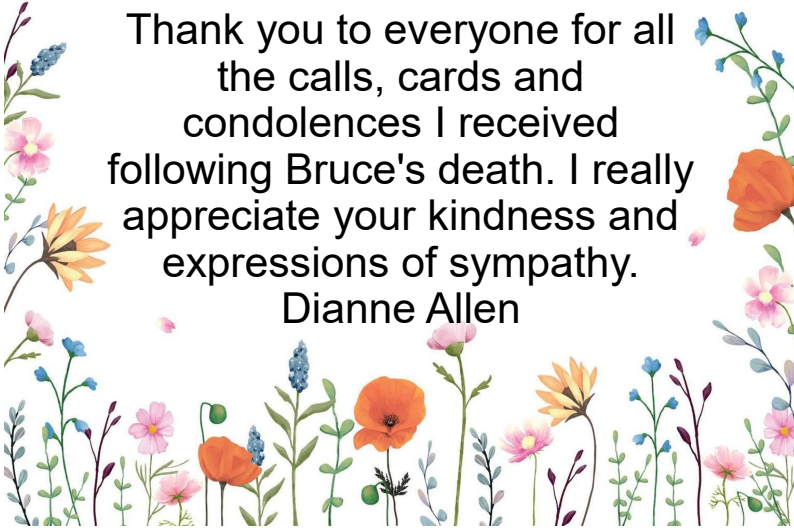
9am Christian Ed Class

10am Worship/Communion

3:00-4:00pm Memorial for

Wendell Dieleman

Thank you to everyone for all the calls, cards and condolences I received following Bruce's death. I really appreciate your kindness and expressions of sympathy.  
Dianne Allen



**WALK TO END  
ALZHEIMER'S**  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Join Team Bella Vista Presbyterians to support the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 7.

Make checks payable to PCBV. Write Alz. Walk on the memo line.  
See Jean Nichols for details



Thank you to all who we came out to pick up the debris from the storms last weekend. The grounds look great!



