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Worship for Sunday, October 11, 2020 8:30 am and 10:00 am

***Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for
Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through
Service to Others***

“O LORD ... [we] will exalt you, [we] will praise your name” (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV).
Welcome, friends, as we gather to exalt and praise God.

The fall mum gracing the sanctuary for the month of
October was provided by Allene and Ben Rader

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: “Come into his presence”

-by Brian Doerksen

The Life of the Church- Birthdays

Lighting of the candles

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” Red, 455 v.1
*Come all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness, each His sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.*

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is good!

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn of Praise**

“To God Be The Glory”

Purple # 634 v. 1

*To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth year his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

***Call to Confession**

We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in

Egypt. While our means are different, our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Holy God, You are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in You is fragile, easily crushed by our bend toward indifference – the dismissal of Your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause – an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making – the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed.

***Congregational Response: “Gloria Patri”**

Red # 622

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: And also with you.

One: *Please take a moment to greet your immediate neighbors. Amen.*

Hearing God’s Word Proclaimed

Children’s Ministry Minute

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy Spirit of God, shine Your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Luke 23:34

³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."
And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Recognizing God"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

Responding in Faith

***Hymn of Affirmation** “Just As I Am, without One Plea” Purple, # 442 v.1
*Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that thou
biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

***Affirmation of Faith— The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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**

Sung Response to Prayers “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified” Red, 394, v. 1
*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Beloved, do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. In the assurance of this promise, let us confidently offer ourselves to God, knowing that God has already provided all we need.

Offertory: “Deep River” spiritual, from Samuel Coleridge- Taylor’s 24 Negro Melodies

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering** (unison)

Creator God, You are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to You, because we belong to You. Bless these gifts, and empower us, Your church, that through the work of Your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Name

***Parting Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Purple, # 307, v. 2

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Benediction**

***Sung Benediction** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Red, 284 v.1

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

-by John Dykes

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October 4th worshippers: 48 in 3 services

Church Office Hours

Office hours the week of October 12th:
Monday 10- 2; Wednesday 10-2; Friday 10-2.
Please call before coming into the office.

Prayers

Dave Cummings-Douglas Gibson-The family of Cindy Johnson-Teachers, Staff and children starting school-The Alternative school and staff- For the safety of those fighting wild fires and those who have lost due to the wild fires- Bill Wiseman- Jordan Boedecker-Leslie Clements-Mary Jo Zoller-Brian Koch-Art Neff-Betty (Katie's sister)- Those with estranged loved ones-Those who are sick and those who are dealing with anxiety-Health Care Professionals, Emergency Responders -Betty Cornette-Barb Wagner-Katie Henry-Charlotte Downing-Alzheimer Patients-Cancer Patients-Caregivers.



Remember we now offer online giving- just scan this QR code and input your information. It's that easy! If you have any question you can contact Mike Seiler. You can also mail your gift to 72 W. Frankin Street Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

Announcements

Bible Study meets Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. via zoom. We are studying the Book of Acts. All are welcome.

Our Awesome Boxes

Families, please enjoy each part of the box. If you capture any of the fun and excitement or completed projects in picture or video, please send it to the office so we can share with the congregation. Also – please share any input you may have for the next round of boxes. Email the office- secretary@bellbrookpc.org .

Caring for Each Other in These Days. We continue to care for each other in these days. The Session has been in conversation and reaffirmed the guidelines for our Sunday morning worship (below) as well as clarified how we will be in ministry together at other times during the week.

We continue worshipping online and in the sanctuary. Two morning services are available- one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:00 a.m. An email link is emailed to all members as soon as it is posted on our website Bellbrookpc.com.

Reminders for each Sunday in worship:

- Remember to bring your masks and bulletins.
- Remember to wear your mask in worship.
- Remember to enter through the Fellowship, Kitchen or front sanctuary doors to be screened before entering.
- Remember to keep 6ft apart.
- Remember to respect each person's comfort level.

Outside of worship and during the week:

- **Call the office or text/email Sally or Diane BEFORE you come to the office.**
- **Masks are required in the building unless you are eating. Please take care of each other by wearing your mask.**
- **Those using the building for meetings or gatherings need to clean the area used. Disinfectant and paper towels are in the kitchen, the office, and the sanctuary. Please spray down surfaces in the area where your activity occurred and wipe them with a paper towel.**

These are expectations rather than suggestions. Please be a supportive part of this community and care for your brothers and sisters by following these guidelines. It takes everyone to continue safety in the building.