



RALLY SUNDAY

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Worship for Sunday, September 13, 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

Lord, you guided Israel with fire and cloud; I see your direction for me too: through prayer, wise friends and here in worship. Thank you!

Chancel flowers provided by Nancy Hearrell.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

The Life of the Church

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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you! Let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise** "All Creatures of Our God and King" Red, 64 v. 1

*All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O Praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

***Call to Confession**

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Creator. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace!

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of all creation, we confess that we have turned away from You. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take Your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that You would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Purify us from sin, lead us to truth, and bring us into union with You. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship You alone. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: The God of all creation, redeemer of the world, wind of new life, forgets the sins of those who repent. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: **Amen.**

***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)

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that You have done. Amen.

New Testament Reading Luke 11:4

And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

2:^{4b} In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

3:¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Living with a Limit"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

Responding in Faith

***Hymn of Affirmation** “If You Only Will Let God Guide You” Red, 600 v. 1
*If you will only let God guide you, and hope in Him thru all your ways,
Whatever comes, He'll stand beside you, to bear you thru the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that cannot move.*

***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

Jesus sends us into the world to bless all by His grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make our offering to God.

Offertory

***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)**

For all that You have given us, we thank You, gracious God. For day and night, for evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for Your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let Your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Name

***Parting Hymn** "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" Red, 344 v. 1&4

*He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*He's got you and me brother, in His hands, He's got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.*

***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

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September 6th worshippers: 42 in 3 services

Church Office Hours

Office hours the week of September 14th: Monday 10- 2; Wednesday 10-2; Friday 10-2. ***Please call before coming into the office.***

Prayers

Cindy Johnson-Teachers, Staff and children starting school-The Alternative school and staff-Family of Larry Dumford- Bill Wiseman- Toby and Jordan Boedecker- Robin-Leslie Clements-Connie Smallwood-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 and Grocery Store Employees-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

Brainstorming session- Do you have an idea for the church you would like to share? We would love to hear from you. Join us Monday September 14th – 11:30am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall- socially distanced. If you would like to share your thought or idea but do not want to come to the meeting, you can email your idea to Diane or Sally.

Men's' Breakfast this Tuesday September 15th-8:30 a.m. at the Blueberry Café- Everyone is welcome!

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

Session Meeting Thursday September 17th 5:00 p.m.

Our Awesome Boxes have been delivered to the youth of the church. Thank you to all of our volunteers and the countless hours of help in putting these together. Sue Seiler, Linda Worthington, Donna Ruschau, Candy Garrison, Tammy Hodson, Katie Zinnecker, Kristen Garrison, Penny Zoller, Sharon Berryhill, Shay Sawyer, Betty Blose, Kathy Belney, Sally Smallwood and Diane Ziegler.

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.

Caring for Each Other in These Days. We continue to care for each other in these days. The Session has been in conversation this week 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.