

*I have heard the voice of God in your voice. Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end. And when my faith was gone, you called me home again.
When you spoke God's voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice.*

*I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all, you shared with me God's grace.
And you were faithful to guide me when I grew. I saw your love for God, and I saw God in you.
When you smiled, God's love surrounded me.*

I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God, I have felt the hand of God through you.

***Offertory Response (Hymn No. 592) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN No. 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** "Westminster Abbey" Robert Wetzler

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Worship Leader: Kevin Hicks

Greeters: Sue Harvey and Abbi Menke

Wee Worship Teacher: Sandy Ferguson

Nursery: Jill Hooley

Elder of the Month: Ian Rennick

**Please stand if you are able where indicated by the asterisk.*

<u>Staff</u>			
Pastor:	Preston Shealy	Office Manager:	Carol Fry
Music Coordinator:	Mary Ann Stephens	Building Manager:	Mark Key
Choir Director:	Brady Brennan	Preschool Admin:	Mikie Bowles
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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

May 14, 2017 11:15 A.M.

5th Sunday of Easter



Today's congregation continues strong traditions of:

- *Living faith through worship, mission, education and fellowship with the vision of "Reaching Out to Make Disciples."*
- *Following the path laid out by God through his son, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit;*
- *Sharing the inclusive love of God to all of God's children and God's creation;*
- *Exposing the light of Christ to the world through music, words, prayer and actions.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those near you.

PRELUDE "Aurelia" Timothy Albrecht
"Processional Hymn with Fanfares" arr. David Drinkwater

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "If You Love Me" (excerpt) John Ness Beck

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In you, O Lord, we call; our rock, do not refuse to hear us.

People: **Hear the voice of our supplication, as we cry to you for help.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, for the Lord has heard the sound of our pleadings.

People: **The Lord is our strength and our shield; in God our hearts trust.**

Leader: The Lord is our strength.

People: **May the Lord be our shepherd, and carry us forever.**

ALL: **Let us worship the Lord!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above**

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***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

Almighty God, you offer us freedom from our sins, yet we still do not obey your word. We harbor malice toward our enemies. We are deceitful in our relationships. We are insincere in our commitments. We slander our friends and enemies through gossip. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us so that we may follow your will and share in the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 195, v.1) Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord

Have mercy on us, living, Lord, remember not our sin.

According to Your steadfast love, come, cleanse us deep within.

***RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING**

***SHARE GOD’S PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.** *Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

***SING GLORY TO GOD (Hymn No. 123, v.4)**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children 4 years of age through 3rd grade are invited to attend Wee Worship, a children’s worship-education program. Children go to Room 113 (downstairs) after the Children’s Message, and should be picked up there directly after worship. Children 3 years of age and younger are invited to the Nursery in Room 208 (off the Lounge). All children 10 years and older should return to their seats in the Sanctuary.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 877)

John 14:1-14

PSALM 31 (tune: *Solid Rock*)

**O Lord, in whom my soul confides; my refuge sure amid the strife;
O let me not in shame reside, but through Thy grace reclaim my life.**

**Be Thou my rock, my sure defense, my fortress which no force can break;
Remain my guide, and lead me forth to praise Thee for Thy mercy’s sake.**

**My life, my days, are in Thy hand, naught can the threat of death remove;
Turn now to me Thy shining face, and save me through Thy steadfast love.**

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SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 987)

1 Peter 2:2-10

SERMON

Living Stones

Preston Shealy

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN (see insert)**

Living Stones

***PROFESSING OUR FAITH**

(from The Heidelberg Catechism)

Why is Jesus called God’s “only begotten Son” when we also are God’s children?

Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.

**We, however, are adopted children of God –
adopted by grace through Christ.**

Why do we call Jesus “our Lord”?

Because –

not with gold or silver,

but with his precious blood –

he has set us free

from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,

and has bought us,

body and soul,

to be his very own.

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD

Following each petition, God’s people respond:

Leader: Loving God,

People: **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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

“I Have Felt the Hand of God”

Craig Courtney

I have felt the hand of God in your hand. Holding me, you gave me strength to stand.

When I was all alone you came and met my need. And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead.

Through your touch, God’s hand reached out to me. I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

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Please contact the Church Office or Pastor Shealy to include someone on this Prayer List.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

- Alice Fowls, broken pelvis
- Carol McFadden, breast cancer
- Ella, preschooler, heart surgery complications
- Katie Schmidt, recovering from surgery
- Dale Johnson, health issues
- Cathy Cope, receiving chemotherapy
- Evelyn Hannaway, recovering from fracture
- Fred Ferris, for healing
- Rick Cotter, recovering from car accident (friend of Michael and Charmaine Hamilton)
- Michael Frase, no longer in remission
- Virginia Schlitt, at home
- Marty Grimm, recuperating at home
- Suzanne Trombley, recuperating at home (sister-in-law of Carol Fry)
- Gary (relative of Becky Metzler)
- Mark Key, sciatica and arthritis
- John Scheiderer, recovering at home (Charmaine Hamilton's brother-in-law)
- Gay Hadley's daughter
- Tim McLane, recovering from falls (Mikie Bowles' brother)
- Corey Sander, receiving chemotherapy (Pat Nicholson's granddaughter's husband)
- Eda Mikolaj, at home (Heather Mikolaj's mother)
- Kate Whitmore, cancer (Marty Grimm's daughter)
- Jerry Braun, cancer (Mike McKinney's brother-in-law)
- Julie Wall, at home (Kyme Rennick's mother)
- Julie DuSablou, recuperating at home
- Mark Nelson, for healing, comfort, and peace

Prayers for Our Special Care List

- Dorothy Rout, in assisted living at Westminster-Thurber
- Mary Harris, at home
- Becky Metzler, at home
- Leni Leypoldt, at home
- Brita Knapp, for continued remission
- Norman Knapp, healing and strength
- Barbara Frautschi, for continued remission
- Peggy Pasko, Franklin Woods Nursing Center

If you have particular concerns that you wish to share, please speak to any of the elders serving on Session, identified by their nametags which say "Elder".

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:00 am 5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Clothing Collection Sunday Worship: Chapel Session will receive new members following the service
- 10:00 am Classes for all ages
- 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm BGSU Collegiate Choir Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, May 15

- 6:00 pm Newsletter Deadline Tech Team Cub Pack Planning Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 16

- 12:30 pm Staff Meeting: 300
- 3:00 pm Presbytery Meeting
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop Committee: 300 Bear Den: 111

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:30 am Quilters: 111
- 6:00 pm Tiger Den: 111

Thursday, May 18

- 10:30 am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study: Lounge
- 6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir: Balcony
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

Sunday, May 21

- 9:00 am 5th Sunday of Easter Worship: Chapel
- 10:00 am Classes for all ages Property: 300
- 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Discipleship Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lounge
- 4:30 pm YWCA Dinner Hosting

----- STEWARDSHIP IS . . . having a will and keeping it up to date!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

- Sunday, May 7, 2017
- General Sunday Offering: \$7,312.76
- God's People Gathered: 122

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

The sound system has hearing assists for those with hearing difficulties and may be used anywhere in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for help.

Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208 (off the Lounge)
Wee Worship ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

The Lord's Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of every month at the 11:15 AM service and weekly at the 9:00 AM service.



Sunday School Classes at 10:00 AM

Nursery Care	208
3 years and younger	
Preschool ~ Ages 3-5	201/202
Grades K-3 rd	113
Grades 4 th -6 th	308
Grades 7 th -12 th	111
Adults	111
Christian and World Religions	
Adults	308
Information Technology Training	

Christianity and World Religions, a video series by Adam Hamilton, is offered Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, now through May 21, in Room 111 facilitated by Travis Williamson. This class is open to youth, grades 7-12, and adults..

Each week will explore one of the world's major religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. This study series is designed to help answer some of the tough questions people ask such as, *Why are there so many different religions?*, *How should Christians view other religions?*, and *How is God at work in other religions?*, among others. Each video will be followed by discussion. You are invited to come, learn, and try to answer our questions together on this timely topic.



Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating this spring, or know someone in our Boulevard family who is graduating? If so, please contact the church office (office@blvdchurch.org or 614-486-0267) or Martha Hills (marthahills@mac.com or 614-261-1919) to let them know. The Christian Education Committee would like to recognize all graduates in worship on June 4. Thanks for your help!

Information Technology Training ~ Sunday, May 14, 21, and 28 at 10:00 am in Resource Room 308 (upstairs)

The Tech Committee is pleased to present a three-Sunday offering of information training during the Christian Education hour at 10:00 AM. We hope to make our community more connected with itself and more proficient with current communications tools. Each of the three sessions will cover all topics listed. Time will be allotted for Q & A and problem solving. Persons attending are encouraged to bring their mobile phones, laptops, and/or mobile devices. The coordinator and presenter is Ken Odiorne.

Topics will include: Internet resource search, social media, “netiquette”, mobile devices, security, online banking, Google Maps, Google Earth, and Google Drive, as well as other online collaborative applications, system set-up, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

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Clothing Collection ~ TODAY

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- Hats and scarves
- Mittens and Gloves
- Socks and Underwear

Donations can be left in the large wooden box in the narthex where we collect food items for NNEMAP. Thank you for showing Christ’s love to those in need.

Easter Sharing Project

The people in the early church shared what they had with others so, through their actions, the memory of Jesus and his ministry would never die. As part of a loving Christian community we can do the same today. Eggs are an Easter symbol of new life. The eggs on the tree in the Lounge contain suggestions of ways to bring "new life" to situations where there is need. The children invite you to choose an egg each week throughout the rest of this Easter season. Take the egg home, follow the suggestion, and then return the egg to the tree the following week, choosing another if you wish. Thank you for sharing in this project and being part of our community's love in action.

YWCA Family Center Dinner Hosting ~ Next Sunday, May 21

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Stewardship Chair

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All photo directory materials have been submitted to LifeTouch. Corrections were made to the initial draft and we will be receiving a final draft this coming week. Once that is approved, our directories will be on the way within three weeks. The hard part is done. Hang in there!

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“Understanding and Responding to Dementia Behaviors” presented by a representative from the Alzheimer’s Association. Sponsored by the Deacons.

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