

## The Lord's Prayer

*(Taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth! With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

## Communion

Communion is by "intinction." The server will give you bread to dip in the cup as we all share "one bread, one cup." Servers disinfect their hands prior to communion, and only they handle the bread. Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Gluten free bread is available next to the servers. If you cannot come forward, communion will be brought to you.

## Prayer

\*HYMN No. 104

**Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

"This Joyful Eastertide" (*Vruechten*) Charles Callahan

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*We welcome Rev. Rebecca Tollefson as guest preacher today.*

*Rebecca is a Presbyterian minister and Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches.*

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

### Staff

Pastor:	Preston Shealy	Office Manager:	Carol Fry
Music Coordinator:	Mary Ann Stephens	Building Manager:	Mark Key
Choir Director:	Brady Brennan	Preschool Admin:	Mikie Bowles
Childcare Provider:	Nancy Henning		

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## Boulevard Presbyterian Church

*Worship On The Lord's Day*

*May 7, 2017 11:15 A.M.*

*4th 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

"Prelude on *Gift of Finest Wheat*"

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Praise Him" (*excerpt*)

Craig Courtney

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in your presence, God, in the spirit of service and hope.

People: **We give thanks for your grace that has no limits and your love that knows no boundaries of race, nation, or creed.**

Leader: Show us your will, Lord, as we live our lives for your glory.

ALL: **May our lives be a reflection of your compassion and love for all people.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 489

**Open Thou Thy Gates of Beauty**

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

**Mighty God, parent to a borderless creation, light unto a world too often consumed by dark intent, hope for a human spirit that struggles to appreciate the values of justice and righteousness, we come before you, asking your blessing on the work of this community. Strengthen our faith, energize our efforts, make special our joy. Grant that our actions and deliberations be to your glory and to the honor of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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**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. 984)**

1 Peter 2:19-35

**SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 872)**

John 10:1-10

**SERMON**

**Finding the Gate**

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN No. 521**

**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**\*PROFESSING OUR FAITH**

*The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)*

**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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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**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.**

**SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD**

*Following each petition, God’s people respond:*

Leader: Loving God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory**

“Living Water”

Emily Crocker

*I will give to you living water from the well of endless life.*

*As the deer longs for cooling streams, so do I bring you peace. Peace I bring to you.*

*Whosoever shall drink of the water I give shall thirst no more, I say.*

*For I say unto you that the water I give shall be in you a well of endless life, of life!*

*I will give to you living water from the well of endless life.*

*As the deer longs for cooling streams, so do I bring you peace. Peace I give to you, to 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**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts!**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of His glory, the whole earth is full of His glory,**

**The whole earth is full of his glory. Holy is the Lord.**

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Please call the Church Office to include someone on this Prayer List.

**Prayers for Healing and Strength**

**Ella**, preschooler, heart surgery complications  
**Katie Schmidt**, gall bladder surgery (5/3)  
**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**, recovering 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**

**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 would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please call the church office at 614-486-0267 to schedule your visit.*

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

**CALENDAR**

**Today**

**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Cents-Ability Sunday**  
 9:00 am Worship: Chapel  
 10:00 am Classes for all ages  
 11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Rappelling Group: Fellowship Hall

**Monday, May 8**

7:00 pm Worship and Music: Chapel  
 Boy Scouts: Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 10**

9:30 am Quilters: 111  
 6:00 pm Member Care  
 7:00 pm Webelos 1: 111

**Thursday, May 11**

9:45 am Naomi Circle  
 8:00 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 13**

6:00 pm Saturday Sisters Dinner and Study

**Sunday, May 14**

**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Clothing Collection Sunday**  
 9:00 am 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

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 STEWARDSHIP IS . . . taking care of yourself!

**We Rejoice and Give Thanks**

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**  
 General Sunday Offering: \$5,059.00  
 God's People Gathered: 128

*Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Kathie Bailey; and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Bill and Katy Frase.*

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**Worship Leader: Ginny Achtermann**

**Greeters: Bonnie and David Grimm**

**Wee Worship Teacher: Martha Hills**

**Elder of the Month: Ian Rennick**

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**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.**

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**Sunday School Classes at 10:00 AM**

Nursery Care	208
3 years and younger	
Preschool ~ Ages 3-5	201/202
Grades K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	113
Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	308
Teens 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	111
Adults	111

*Christianity and World Religions (see article on next page)*

*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](mailto:office@blvdchurch.org) or 614-486-0267) or Martha Hills ([marthahills@mac.com](mailto:marthahills@mac.com) or 614-261-1919) to let them know. The Christian Education Committee would like to recognize all graduates in worship. Thanks for your help!

### **Today is Cents-Ability Sunday!**

Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member — of all ages — to contribute a few cents at every meal. Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

With your donations we have funded local and international hunger projects such as NNEMAP, the YWCA Family Center, PCUSA missionary support for the Heifer International project in Honduras, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program, to name a few.

In the month of April 23 \$45.61 has been donated to Cents-Ability. Please remember to put your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in your Cents-Ability bank each day, then bring your banks to church and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar on the information table in the Lounge!

### **Presbyterian Women Missions ~ Anyone can help TODAY**

Presbyterian Women (PW) is hoping that you can help send nine Mother's Day cards to "Healthy Women, Healthy Families", a PC(USA) Global Mission. A member of PW will be in the Lounge between services today with the cards. Any donation will help Presbyterian Church (USA) partners in Africa offer health services and medical care to children.

### **Presbyterian Women ~ Scrubbies for Sale Today**

Are your scrubbies starting to look a little worn? Would you like to replace them? Have friends asked where you got them? Presbyterian Women will be in the lounge selling scrubbies today following the 11:15 AM worship service.

### **Bowling Green State University Collegiate Choir Concert ~ Next Sunday, May 14 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. See the insert for more information**

### **Session Will Receive New Members ~ Sunday, May 14 after the 9:00 AM Service**

The Session of Boulevard Presbyterian Church will meet next Sunday to receive new members. If you would like to know more about becoming a member of Boulevard, please contact Pastor Preston Shealy at 614-486-0267 or [BoulevardPastor@aol.com](mailto:BoulevardPastor@aol.com).

### **Clothing Collection ~ Next Sunday, May 14**

Clothing Collection Sunday is the second Sunday of the month. Rather than holding separate drives as we have done in the past, we are now collect clothing for Neighborhood Services, Inc (NSI) on a year-round basis. Current requests for donations of the following are greatly appreciated by the clients of NSI:

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.

### **Stewardship Chair**

We are looking for someone to chair this year's Stewardship Campaign, and did not want to overlook anyone. Are you interested? We have a program and outline to use, and have found that co-chairs have worked well the past couple of years, so if you and a partner or friend would like to explore how you can serve in this capacity, please let either Kathie Bailey or the office know. We are also seeking names that you may wish to nominate. Thank you so much for consideration.

### **Amazon Purchases Also Benefit Boulevard Presbyterian Church**

How many of us shop online at Amazon? Well, if you are an Amazon shopper you now have an easy way to also support Boulevard when making purchases through Amazon. Boulevard is now registered with Amazon as a charitable organization. That means Boulevard will receive a 0.5% charitable donation based on the price of all eligible purchases made **through Boulevard's link** to Amazon.Smile.

Find the link on the upper left side of Boulevard's webpage: **Support Boulevard Presbyterian Church / Shop at smile.amazon.com**. Click on these words and you will automatically be linked to Amazon and can begin shopping.



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