



**Without forgiveness, life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.**

— Robert Assagioli quoted in *Gospel Days* by Joan Chittister

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Service of Worship**

**April 30, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,

**People: Who calls us each by name,**

Leader: Who restores our souls,

**People: Who leads us in the way of righteousness,**

Leader: And whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.

**People: This is the God we have come to worship!**

**All: Let our hearts rejoice and our lips sing his praises!**

\*HYMN 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks “

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

\*Prayer of Confession

**All: Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

*Silent Confession*

**All: Through your grace, we can say thank you for forgiving us; through your love, let us be motivated to serve others; and in your Spirit, let us shine your light of the new life to a world in need. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: Praise God for we have been forgiven by Jesus' work on the cross.  
**All: This is the Good News to spread to others! Let all hear of God's great mercy!**  
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you in all your relationships!  
All: **And also, in yours!**

\*Sung Response 587

"Alleluia" (Celtic Alleluia)

**Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**  
**Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:47b (pg. 840)

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:31-32 (pg. 951)

SERMON

"Horizontal Forgiveness"

Bruce Davis

\*HYMN 444

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evan Glen Dray

Cindy McKay, CRE

\*Profession of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated on the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"More Love"

Chancel Choir  
setting by Sid Davis

More love, more love; The heavens are blessing, the angels are calling O Zion, more love.  
If ye love not each other in daily communion, how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?

\*Doxology 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" verse 4

**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!**

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

\*HYMN

"Joy in the Morning"

**There'll be joy in the morning on that day, there'll be joy in the morning on that day,  
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,  
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.**

**There'll be peace and contentment evermore, there'll be peace and contentment evermore,  
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,  
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.**

**There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,  
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,  
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.**

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\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, if able

**Boulevard welcomes Bruce Davis** as our guest minister this morning. Bruce is a Grandview resident, and has been teaching and preaching the Bible for over 40 years. He has also been a part of starting and leading multiple contemporary services including one in the 1990's at Boulevard Presbyterian Church with Reverend Paul Clairville. He currently attends Riverside Methodist Church, working in many of their ministries. Bruce and his wife Linda have two grown children and two grandchildren.

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Flowers are dedicated to Evan Glen Dray, Jason & Lindsay Dray  
With Love from grandparents LaMar & Sandy Zigler

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Worship Leader: Ella Louise Conner

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Elder of the Month: LaMar Zigler

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Nursery Care Available for Worship!

The Nursery is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is not currently available during the education hour. With more volunteers, we will be able to provide care in the Nursery for the second hour. To volunteer, please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

Attendance for April 23, 2023: 58

#### **STAFF**

Pastor:

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Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles    Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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## CALENDAR APRIL/MAY 2023

<b>04/30) 4th Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. After service: Adult Education Native Plant Class in Chapel with Jan Plas			
<b>05/01) Monday</b> 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH	<b>05/02) Tuesday</b> 7:00pm AA meeting	<b>05/03) Wednesday</b> 9:00am Quilters 111 7:00pm Bells 7:30pm NA meeting	<b>05/04) Thursday</b> 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
<b>05/05) Friday</b>	<b>05/06) Saturday</b>		
<b>05/07) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			

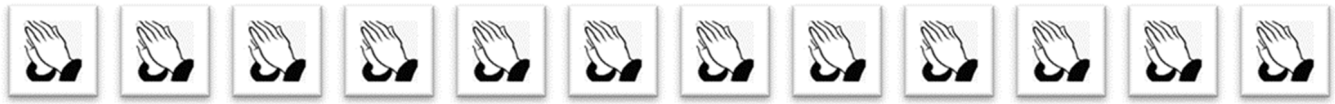
### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Date	Member:	Date	Member:
4/05	Hollie Briggs	4/26	Sara Beaber
4/05	Denise Swatsky	4/26	Luke Lobao
4/05	Sally Neff	4/30	Benjamin Richardson
4/10	Grayson Ferris		
4/12	Dan Briggs		
4/12	Thomas Fletcher		
4/24	Kit Stephens		

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Date	Member:	Date	Member:
05/3	Shawn Ebert	05/15	Susan Ells
05/3	Kiera Rennick	05/18	Levi Hooley
05/5	Don Plas	05/20	Lindsay (Zigler) Dray
05/6	Diane Cattran	05/26	David Conner
05/07	David Fletcher	05/27	Martha Hills
05/10	Kay Rieve		
05/12	Terry McFadden		

*Birthday Blessings to all!  
 (Please let us know if there is birthday missing)*



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Ian & Kyme Rennick	Daughter and husband welcoming new baby this week. Prayer for them & their caregivers
	Sandy Ferguson, Recurrence of Sarcoma- treatment began 3/15
Sandy Ferguson	Daughter, Caitlin, recuperating from ACL knee surgery-Started PT and is improving
Mac & Jane Swinford	Health concerns for Robin, Phil, Maddie and Claudia
Debbie & Bill Bell	Debbie's sister, Judi passed away please pray for the family.
Melissa & Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister, Caroline's cancer has returned.
Jan Minton (Woods)	92-year-old brother, Dr. H.C. Gurney has passed away. Please pray for the family
Kathie Bailey	Brother, Mike, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Jody Huggins	Daughter-in-law, Pam, who is recovering from back surgery.
	Linda Wilton, injured her hip
	Lisa Faulkner recent hip surgery
	Ken & Judy Pierce's daughter, Teri, will not need chemo, keep in prayer as she moves forward.
Leah Hanesworth	John Long underwent successful live donor kidney transplant surgery on April 14th and is progressing well. A prayer of praise to God for organ donors and gifted medical teams.
	Ian Gilbert, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma
Pat Nicholson	Deanna Nicholson had surgery Friday, March 2, 2023
Merri Bame	Mom, Sue Bame, moved into Memory Care Facility
	Bill & Katy Frase continued health concerns
Tim & Sue Harvey	Dear Friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer
Tim & Sue Harvey	Daughter Jen, dearest friend Devon, daughters has a brain tumor at age 13
Charmaine Hamilton	Fred Heald, friend, recuperating from surgery
Leah Hanesworth	Friend, Molly Hughes, has an aggressive form of breast cancer. Also pray for Molly's mother, Bridget & Family
Charmaine & Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter, Amelia Hamilton, who has Friedreich's Ataxia
Tim & Sue Harvey	Devon, friend, has breast cancer
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson
Bill Bell	Friend, Terri Randal, cancer has recurred
Charmaine Hamilton	Friend, Karla Holton, treatment for lung cancer
Charmaine Hamilton	Brother, Spencer Schalip, medical concerns
Jim Parks & Grace Parks	Tim Parks, (Jim's son and Grace's brother) Parkinson's disease
Mikie Bowles	Brother, Tim McLane, has health issues
	Terry McFadden, in Allen Oakwood Correctional

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE LIST

Members:		Members:	
Glenn & Sara Beaber	Willow Brook	Brita Knapp	home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Betty Sikking	Home
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living		

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **OFFICE MANAGER**

Jeanette will be out of the office from April 26 through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **THANK YOU FROM BILL BELL & FAMILY**

Debbie's sister passed away last Sunday. Thank you everyone for your support for the last 1 ½ years.

### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS TODAY APRIL 30TH**

Please join us in the Chapel after the worship service for an opportunity to learn more about native plants and why they are critical to supporting local ecosystems--especially in urban areas! Jan Plas will be giving a brief information session on the native plant garden that Boulevard is installing this spring. We will also be showing a short documentary that covers how native plants provide food for God's winged and six-legged creatures.

### **CALLING FOR FREE YARROW PLANTS**

I am trying to plant yarrow in the narrow strip of soil that runs along on 2nd Ave between the sidewalk and the ramp. Yarrow is drought-hardy and has a shallow root system, so I think it will work well in that location and this will further Boulevard's push to convert more of our space to native plants. I have already transplanted some little plants in the ground already, but need some more to help fill the entire strip. If you have any plants you would like to divide and donate, please reach out to me (Alaina Engdahl)! Thanks

### **COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS**

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this. Two people will team up to go to the homes of our home bound members to serve communion and visit with them. If this is something you haven't tried before, please consider going out in this very safe environment and trying something new. If you are a beginner at this, you will be paired with an experienced server. The visits will take about 2 hours of your time. Those who do it regularly find they are blessed more than they bless! As before, we will provide copies of the day's scripture reading and a brief synopsis of the sermon to be used in this extended communion service. These will be inserted into the full "Extended Communion Liturgy" so that you have an entire script for the visit. Of course, you may choose to use the liturgy as a guide, saying your own prayers and paraphrasing other parts. Please contact Kim Welter, [kwelter.200@gmail.com](mailto:kwelter.200@gmail.com)~419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

### **CAN TABS DONATION**

Linda Mahoney just delivered another 8.5 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. There were rumors that McDonald's had quit accepting the tabs. Which was not true. They appreciated it. Please continue to bring in your tabs.

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING:**

Looking for a way to volunteer? The Deacons have Coffee Hour hosting opportunities. Sign up for a Sunday, whenever you are available. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPC-Coffee-Hour>. There is also a sign-up sheet in the kitchenette.

### **DONATE FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please pick up and complete the information on the "Offering for Flowers" envelope and either put in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not been designated. Sanctuary flowers are \$50.00