



**“The world needs our mothers”** —Liya Kebede

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Service of Worship**

**May 14, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

**People: Who like a mother, knows us intimately,**

Leader: Who created our souls,

**People: Who loves us unconditionally,**

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

**People: God teaches us the way we should go and comforts us in times of need.**

**All: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer.**

\*HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

\*Prayer of Confession

**Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. For many there is a celebration of Mother’s Day and all that our mothers have given to us and taught us; but for some, these memories are too painful, of those who could not parent, who were afflicted, and we pray for any forgiveness that is needed, comfort that can be given, and consolation that can be shared. We also thank you and lift up praise for those who are mothers that we not let them be forgotten this day and in the future.**

Silent confession

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

Through your grace, we can say, thank you for forgiving us.

Praise God who is gracious and compassionate!

**This is the God we serve, a God of great mercy.**

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**And also, with you!**

\*Sung Response 447

"We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 66:13 (pg. 608)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:38 (pg. 831)

SERMON

"Jesus Had a Mother"

Bruce Davis

\*HYMN 7

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
The Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live;  
Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father;  
And in the fellowship with the Holy Spirit,  
who forms Christ in us and focuses our hearts to glorify Him.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

\*Sung Response

Doxology 606

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

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 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, if able

Guest Minister Bruce Davis 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 Global Methodist Church and hosts a podcast called "In Awe by Bruce".

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The flowers for this morning's service are in loving memory of Ruth Smith from David & Jane Conner.

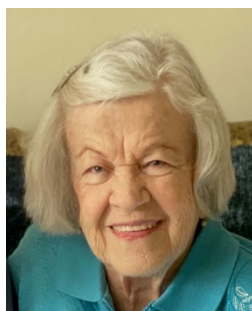
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Worship Leader: Sandy Ferguson

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Elder of the Month: Kevin Hicks

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**Sara Louise Beaber**

APRIL 26, 1926 - MAY 6, 2023

“When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind”

Per Sara's request there will be no service.

#### **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 May 7, 2023: **42**

#### **STAFF**

Pastor:

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens    Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles    Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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## CALENDAR MAY 2023

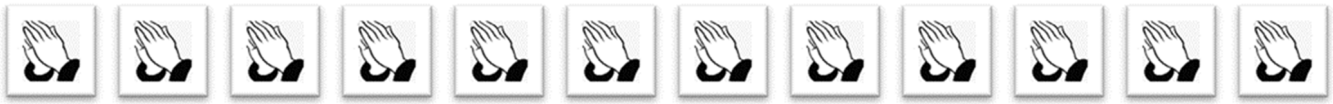
<b>05/14) 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			
<b>05/15) Monday</b> 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH	<b>05/16) Tuesday</b> 7:00pm AA meeting	<b>05/17) Wednesday</b> 9:00am Quilters 111 7:00pm Bells 7:30pm NA meeting	<b>05/18) Thursday</b> 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
<b>05/19) Friday</b>	<b>05/20) Saturday</b> Removal of items from the Fellowship Hall in preparation for FH renovation		
<b>05/21) 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			

## 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 Jeanette know if there are any birthdays missing)



**PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN**

<b>Prayer asked from:</b>	<b>For:</b>
	Katie Frase had surgery this week
	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
Jim, Grace & Tim Parks	Jim Parks has been moved to the Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing/skilled nursing-hospice area room 213.
Charmaine Hamilton	Brother-in-law, John, having heart surgery in May
Melissa & Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister, Caroline's cancer has returned.
Kathie Bailey	Brother, Mike, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Jody Huggins	Daughter-in-law, Pam, who is recovering from back surgery.
	Lisa Faulkner recent hip surgery
	Ken & Judy Pierce's daughter, Teri, is scheduled for surgery in July
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, prayer for recovery
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	Dearest friend's daughter Devon has breast cancer
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**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **A FELLOWSHIP HALL WORK DAY**

A work day is scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday, May 20 to remove items from Fellowship Hall in preparation for the tile removal. Many heavy items need to be temporarily removed from the main area and the stage to clear the floor for the workers. Please see Cort, Ian or Mac to volunteer.

### **TILE REMOVAL FROM FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The floor tiles in Fellowship Hall, the stage area and associated hallways will be removed beginning Monday, May 22 and continue through that week. Activities typically occurring in Fellowship Hall will be relocated to another part of the building. Please take this into account if you are planning to use Fellowship Hall.

### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Boulevard will have a float in the Grandview Memorial Day parade on May 27. This is a great opportunity to connect with the community and interact with our neighbors while passing out balloons and candy. The Outreach Committee (Mac Swinford, Jan Plas, and Carol McFadden) is organizing this effort. Please consider putting your name on the sign-up sheets in the lounge to help set up the float and escort it down First Avenue.

### **WHY ARE WE MAKING THIS POLLINATOR GARDEN, ANYHOW?**

Hi, this is Jan Plas! A few weeks ago, we had an education hour devoted to learning about the importance of native plants. Afterwards, someone told me "I had no idea about any of this stuff! I didn't know why we were making that garden!" This is to tell you why we're doing it! Our son sent me an article a couple of years ago, and the article sparked my interest in a different type of gardening. There is an entomologist named Dr. Doug Tallamy who has been studying the specialized relationships between insects and plants. These relationships have evolved over long periods of time, and now certain insects will only lay eggs on specific plants that live in their ecosystem. Likewise, certain plants need insects to help them thrive. There are also other animals in these ecosystems. Dr. Tallamy learned that caterpillars, in particular, are important because the large majority of food that birds feed their young are caterpillars. He proposes that if we garden to promote caterpillars, then the bird population, plants, insects and people will become healthier. Did you know that it takes about 6,000 caterpillars for a pair of chickadees to raise one nest of babies? I also learned that the insect population of the world is decreasing dangerously. We need insects in order to have healthy plants, air and food. We are a part of God's creation, and we were not created to live in glass and concrete. Our traditional grass lawn at Boulevard does not grow any caterpillars, does not provide cover for creatures to live, and does not promote life. It is a food desert for the animals that live in Ohio. Also, non-native plants such as lavender, butterfly bush, and most commercial annuals and perennials can provide nectar but cannot support any insect life cycles. In our new native plant pollinator garden, we hope to heal the earth starting with our own church property, and reach out to the surrounding community and educate others about the importance of native plants. We already have community members involved and are partnering with several community groups including Grandview Schools. Please contact me if you would like to be involved or want to learn more: [janplas@gmail.com](mailto:janplas@gmail.com) or 614-557-6807

### **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 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 1-614-725-6431)! 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