



"Do not be afraid, I am with you"

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Service of Worship**

**May 7, 2023**

PRELUDE

"Mary, Don't You Weep"

MikeMerriMac Trio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

**All: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.**

One: We need not fear.

**All: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.**

One: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

**All: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you.**

One: Let us worship our God.

\*HYMN

"Slow Me Down" (please see song sheet)

\*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress and difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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

In Christ, the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Christ, God calls us to be reconciled.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also, with you!**

\*Sung Response  
"Amen Chorus"

**Amen, Amen; Amen, Amen, Amen!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Various Readings from the Old and New Testaments

SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-14 (pg. 877)

SERMON

"What Are We Afraid Of?"

Cindy McKay, CRE

\*HYMN

"If You Say Go" (please see song sheet)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

**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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"Old Account/Old Rugged Cross"

MikeMerriMac Trio

\*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.**

### \*COMMUNION HYMN

"Down to the River to Pray" (please see song sheet)

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

... With heavenly choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, we sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

. . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. . .**

Communion of the People

Music During Communion

"Why Me, Lord?"

MikeMerriMac Trio

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN

"Hallelujah, I'm Ready" (please see song sheet)

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

"Do Lord"

MikeMerriMac Trio

\*Please stand, if able

Sincere appreciation to Cindy McKay, CRE for leading worship today

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The flowers for this morning's service are given for the Glory of God.

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Worship Leader: Merri Bame

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Elder of the Month: Kevin Hicks

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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 Nursey 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 30, 2023: 72

**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

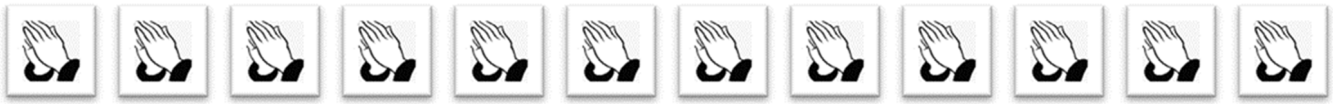
<b>05/07) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. After Service please join us in the lounge for fellowship and Intergenerational Event			
<b>05/08) Monday</b> 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH	<b>05/09) Tuesday</b> 7:00pm AA meeting	<b>05/10) Wednesday</b> 9:00am Quilters 111 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm NA meeting	<b>05/11) Thursday</b> No Chancel Choir this week 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
<b>05/12) Friday</b> 10:00 Stretch with Marlin Class in Fellowship Hall	<b>05/13) Saturday</b>		
<b>05/14) 6<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>
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
Jim, Grace & Tim Parks	Jim Parks is in critical condition after a stroke.
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.
	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, 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:**

### **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.

### **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!

### **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