



“I’ve Been Meaning to Ask . . . Where Does It Hurt?”

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eleven Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

August 13, 2023

PRELUDE

“In Christ There Is No East or West/Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Diane Cattran – flute

Arr. Mark Albrecht

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here in this space, we wear our hearts on our sleeves.

People: There is no use in filters or walls.

Leader: This space is an authentic space.

People: This space is a brave space.

Leader: For when it comes to God,
we are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.

**People: So, come into this space with your hurt and your joy,
your prayers and your dreams.**

Leader: All of God’s children are welcome here.

ALL: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Intro., Mark Sedio
Acc., David Cherwien

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: I've been meaning to ask...

**People: How are you? What has your year been like?
Did you know that I have been thinking of you?**

Leader: I have been meaning to ask...

People: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job? Did you ever think we'd still be here?

Leader: I've been meaning to ask...

People: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside? Were you ever able to sleep at night?

Leader: I've been meaning to ask but I haven't—

**People: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing.
Because I'm not sure what you need.**

Leader: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.

People: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts. Let's start again.

Leader: Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts.
Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world,
in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.
(Pause for silent prayer.)

Leader: Trusting that God hears all things, we say together

ALL: Amen.

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

*Sung Response 582

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:1-18 (pg. 213)

GOSPEL READING Mark 5:21-43 (pg. 826)

MESSAGE

"Freed from Suffering"

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On my best days, I believe that God is there—standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on. On my hardest days, I believe that God is there—standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief. No matter where I go— in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude—I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it. And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.

* HYMN 792

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

Arr. Michael Hassell

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Arr. Brent Olstad

Diane Cattran – flute

*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 (unison):

Holy God, thank you for helping us see that fear is what causes us to hold on to things, and trust sets us free to give. Take what we have offered here and our very lives and loosen all from our grasp that we may more fully serve your will and your way for all creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

*HYMN 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Arr. Mark Albrecht

Diane Cattran - flute

*Please stand, if able

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The flowers for this morning's service are a dedication from Diane Cattran & Tom Fletcher to their Family

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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.

Worship Service Attendance: August 06, 2023 86

STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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CALENDAR AUGUST 2023

08/13) Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			
08/14) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts	08/15) Tuesday 7:30 AA meeting	08/16) Wednesday 9:00am Quilters 111 7:00pm-9:pm NA	08/17) Thursday 7:30pm GA
08/18) Friday	08/19) Saturday		
08/13) Twelve Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.			

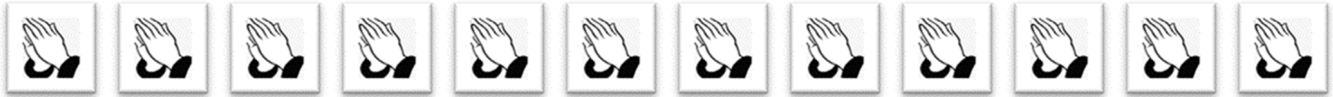


CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Date	Member:	Date	Member:
8/04	Jane Swinford	8/21	Fred Agler
8/05	Alex McCormick	8/21	Elias Osborne
8/08	Gilbert Morris	8/25	Katherine Frase
8/11	Seamus McCormick	8/26	Gus Hooley
8/16	Jennifer Hicks		
8/18	Jon Stephens		
8/20	Lamar Zigler		

Birthday Blessings to all!

(Please let Jeanette know if there are any birthdays missing)



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Jim Parks began his new journey 8/11/2023. Pray for Grace and her family during this difficult time.
	Pray for healing for our Financial officer, Yang Wu, she fell and broke her knee cap.
Carol McFadden	Please pray for Alma Harding. She's the mother of one of my coworkers. She had a brain bleed and is in ICU.
	Linda Mahoney. Prayers for healing
	Teri Pierce. Prayers for healing
Pat Nicholson	Daughter-in-law Deanna continues needing prayers for mouth
	Sandy Ferguson, has six more weeks of treatment. Pray for healing.
Sandy Ferguson	Daughter, Caitlin, recuperating from ACL knee surgery-Started PT and is improving
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.
Leah Hanesworth	John Long is progressing well.
	Ian Gilbert, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma
	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, will be having another surgery on August 31.
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
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 Beaber	Willow Brook	Brita Knapp	home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Betty Sikking	Home
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on August 20, 2023 immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the church nominating committee and to elect an elder to fill a vacancy on Session. Voting members, please plan to attend.

Pastor Tiffany is available to meet with you by appointment and can most likely be found at the church Monday - Thursday between 9:30 and 3 p.m. You can reach her at pastor@blvdchurch.org or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

Native Pollinator Garden Update

Did you know that the butterflies and moths that live in Ohio won't lay their eggs on non-native plants like petunias, impatiens and butterfly bush? Caterpillars need native plants in order to eat, grow, pupate and become adult butterflies and moths. Our natural system is interdependent and our local ecosystem is specialized.

Right now, we have many plants in full bloom in our new native plant garden. The tall purple flowers are prairie blazing star, the white flowers covered with bees are boneset and mountain mint, and we have two types of milkweed, swamp milkweed and butterfly weed which are host plants for monarch eggs and caterpillars. Today I counted eleven different types of plants in bloom. There are many types of insects too! I hope you'll spend a few minutes just outside Boulevard's doors to see a small part of God's creation. ~Jan Plas

Diamond Home of the Renewed Youth Association

Make a Difference.....Change a Life: Our mission focus for the month of August is the Diamond Home of the Renewed Youth Association in Honduras. The Diamond Home, established in 1985, provides a place of learning and lodging for at-risk youth which permits them to reintegrate with their families and society. The Home is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. Many of these children have been turned out of their homes by families who could no longer support them. Once on the streets they turn to drugs and begging. The Diamond Home provides a school for these children up to 6th grade. In addition to their educational learning, the children also learn skills including caring for animals through the school's partnership with Heifer Honduras, working in a bakery, making furniture in their carpentry shop and learning plumbing, electricity, and repair skills in their maintenance shop. The children spend half a day in the classroom and the other half day in one of the skill sessions. This organization has a very limited budget and has had to limit the number of children that they can house. A substantial portion of their income comes from the sale of their work products, such as baked goods, furniture, eggs, etc. For just \$300 per month, Boulevard can fully support the food, lodging, education and training of one of these disadvantaged youth. If you would like to assist in our support of this organization, you may write a check to Boulevard and either mail it to the office or put it in the offering plate. Please note Diamond Home in the memo line. If you have any questions please contact Allyson Engdahl erical73@yahoo.com

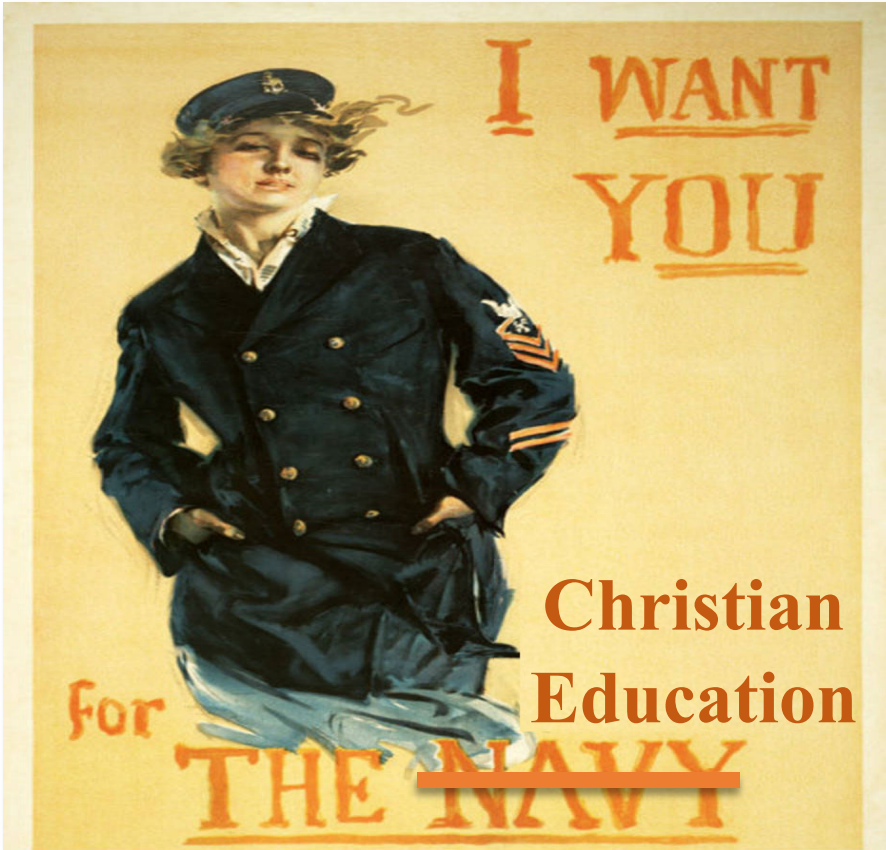
STATE FAIR PARKING BENEFITS NNEMAP

Thank you to all who sweated it out while helping park cars in the NNEMAP food pantry parking lot during the fair! Huge appreciation to Marlin Cheyney for organizing volunteers from Boulevard to cover shifts last Saturday. During the 2-week course of the fair, over \$20,000 was raised for the food pantry!

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbytery Youth Retreat: Saturday and Sunday, November 18 – 19, 2023 Camp Akita, Logan OH. Watch for Registration Late Summer. For info contact Rev. Steve Brand - SBrand@pts.edu

Calling All Volunteers!



The call is of

CRITICAL IMPORTANCE!

We, as members of Boulevard Presbyterian Church, make a SOLEMN PROMISE every time a child is baptized to help guide that young Christian on their faith journey. We need volunteers for the Christian Education Team to fulfill the promises we made to our youth.

This year, we will be offering two levels of Christian Education for our youth: Elementary (K-4) and Middle School (5-8). High School students will be invited to join the adult class.

We need primary teachers and assistant teachers for the youth classes. Whether you can volunteer once a week, once a month, or quarterly,

YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Will you answer THE GREAT CALL? If you will rise to the occasion and serve the youth of our congregation, please alert a Recruitment Officer (aka, Jill, Charmaine or Alaina) or indicate your willingness in the pew pad.

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~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