



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

October 1st 2023

PRELUDE

“Come, All You People” (Uyai Mose)

Zimbabwe

“Heaven is Singing for Joy (Alegría)

Argentina

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 13:29)

People will come from east and west,
from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

*HYMN 317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and generous God, your creation is overflowing with abundance, yet we often feel that we are not enough, that we do not have enough. Your love for us is abundant, yet we often let our fear of running out get in the way of sharing even the most life-giving resources. In seeking your forgiveness, help us to realize that your love for us is unconditional, and that when we repent - when we turn away from what separates us from your love and from one another – we become more fully aware of your love and endless grace. Thank you, God, for you liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you!

And, also with you.

*HYMN 585 verse 1

“Glory to God” (machu pichu)

Peruvian

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

After the children’s message children 4-7 years old are excused for We Wonder meeting in the small room at the back of the nursery. Children should be picked up directly after the service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 (pg. 43)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“The Worth of Water”

Pastor Tiffany Komasa

*HYMN 476

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Steve Hills

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory (*Congregation is invited to sing along*)

“Amen, We Praise Your Name” (Amen siakudumisa)

South Africa

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen si-a-ku-du-mi-sa! Amen si-a-ku-du-mi-sa! (repeat all)

*Offering Response

“Thank You, Lord”

Trad.; adapt. And arr. By William Farley Smith

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

We just want to thank you, Lord.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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.

Breaking the Bread and Communion of the People

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Communion Music

"Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air"

Chancel Choir
Verne de la Pena

This anthem includes a phrase in Pilipino: "Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya!" which means, "Let Yahweh be praised, praise Yahweh!"

Heaven and earth, and sea and air all their Maker's praise declare.

Wake, my soul, awake and sing, sing with creation, praises bring!

See, at dawn, the rising sun, show the wonders God has done!

Moon and stars with silvery light praise God through the silent night.

Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya; Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya.

Waters surge and windstorms blow, thunder, lightning, hail, and snow:

Through their frenzy, even these, God would praise and God would please.

Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya; Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya.

All these things with curious force, find them drawn to praise their source:

Wake, my soul, awake and sing, sing to your Maker, praises bring.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints who witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

*HYMN 853 verse1

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! (Louez le Seigneur)

Cameroon

*Please rise in body and spirit as you are able

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This morning’s flowers are in memory of H. Richard Wood given by Jan Minton

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Worship Leader: Tim Harvey

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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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: September 24, 2023: 55

STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu (on sick leave)

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PASTOR TIFFANY OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Tiffany is available to meet with you by appointment and can most likely be found at the church Tuesday – Thursday between 9:30a.m. and 3:00p.m. You can reach her at pastor@blvdchurch.org or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Two people will team up to go to 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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTING NEEDED

Looking for a way to volunteer? No long-term commitment needed! Make coffee AND / OR provide goodies on Sunday. Sign up for a single Sunday or multiple Sundays. There is 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

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2023

10/01) Sunday

10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.

After Service Adult Education

2:00p.m. Will be Pastor Tiffany's Service of Installation, with a reception to follow. Rev. Nancy Carle, (Pastor Tiffany's internship supervisor) and other leaders from the Presbytery and churches Tiffany has served will participate.

10/02) Monday

6:30pm Session

7:30pm Boy Scouts

10/03) Tuesday

7:00pm EDG Meeting

7:30 AA

10/04) Wednesday

9:00am Quilters 111

6:45pm Bell Rehearsal

7:00pm-9:pm NA

10/05) Thursday

7:15pm Chancel Choir

7:30pm GA

10/06) Friday

10/07) Saturday

10/08) 19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Worship Service In-person & live-streamed on Facebook.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
10/01	Ellen Rennick	10/15	Gabrielle Hicks
10/03	Jill Hooley	10/15	Judy McMahon
10/09	Cindy McKay	10/17	Ian McCormick
10/09	Gillian Nobel	10/20	Kevin Frick
10/13	Susan Ebert	10/31	Kathie Bailey
10/13	Henry Shafer		

Birthday Blessings to all!

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



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Liz Harzoff: Mike Eberle's wife. Prayers of strength and hope. Liz had cancer surgery on Wednesday the 20th and Prayers of gratitude that effective chemotherapy has already gotten her to this point."
	Carol Agler: Prayers for continued healing following mastectomy with reconstruction on August 22.
	Dave Grimm: medical issues. Prayers for healing.
Leah Hanesworth	Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer), Jeff (pancreatic cancer), and John (cancer of the mouth).
	Pray for healing for our Financial Officer, Yang Wu, following surgery on her knee.
Carol McFadden	Please pray for Alma Harding, mother of one of Carol's co-workers. 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: healing of cancer; for granddaughter Stefanie and husband Corey Sander, Corey's brain cancer has returned and is near his speech center causing complications.
	Sandy Ferguson: Prayers for healing.
Melissa and Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister: Caroline, cancer has returned.
Kathie Bailey	Brother Mike: pancreatic cancer.
	Bill and Katy Frase: continued health concerns.
Tim and Sue Harvey	Dear friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer.
Tim and Sue Harvey	Dearest friend's daughter, Devon: breast cancer.
Charmaine Hamilton	Fred Heald, friend, will be having another surgery on August 31.
Charmaine and Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter Amelia Hamilton: has Friedreich's Ataxia.
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson's Disease.
Bill Bell	Friend, Terri Randal: cancer has recurred.
Charmaine Hamilton	Friend, Karla Holton: treatment for lung cancer.
Charmaine Hamilton	Brother, Spencer Schalip: medical concerns.
Grace Parks	Tim Parks, (Grace's brother), Parkinson's disease.
Mikie Bowles	Brother, Tim McLane, has health issues.
	Terry McFadden, in Allen Oakwood Correctional Facility.

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:

THE SIGNIFICANT SIX ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY

Personal care products are always requested by the shoppers who come to food pantries. Such items are typically in very short supply there and are not covered by food assistance programs. Please consider purchasing any of these items for donating to the NNEMAP food pantry.

Toothbrushes for adults and children	Individual bars of soap	Toilet paper
Toothpaste	Disposable Razors	Feminine hygiene products

Your donations can be dropped off in the food pantry collection box in the lounge. Thank you for meeting a critical need. If you have any questions email Marlin Cheney at mar47lin@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian or new to the faith, you belong here! Membership is open to those who profess faith in Christ and opens the door for deeper relationships with this congregation. If you have questions about membership or wish to formalize your connection to this congregation, please contact Pastor Tiffany: pastor@blvdchurch.org.

BLESSING BOX

Boulevard sponsors a Blessing Box on church property for Stevenson Elementary School. Stevenson staff and children are responsible for stocking the box. Elementary students fill the box once per week, yet it is nearly empty within hours. The need is much greater than imagined. Stevenson students are unable to keep it stocked and they need our help. Please do what you can to restock the box. The Blessing Box, located near the community gardens, is an outdoor cabinet that allows for people to anonymously donate items to bless others in need. These items can include: non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, baby supplies, or pet food. Mac Swinford: macswinford@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

High School & Adult: Please join us in the chapel for a speaker from MOVE TO PROSPER, a local organization that Boulevard is supporting this year through the Mission Committee.

Middle School: Please join as we use Sparkhouse's "Connect" curriculum to do a deeper dive into the Old Testament stories. This curriculum seeks to develop critical thinking skills as our youth see how these ancient stories connect with the modern world.

Elementary School: Please join as we use PC(USA)'s "Follow Me" curricula to learn spiritual practices that Jesus used.

CHANCEL CHOIR START-UP

Come and sing with us! Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed. Thursdays at 7:15p.m.

CHURCH'S FACEBOOK

The church's formal Facebook page (called Boulevard Presbyterian Church) currently has 154 followers. The Church's Facebook Group page (called Boulevard Pres Church Group) has 206 members. Consider joining these social media pages to stay more informed about happenings and events. Thank you ~ Mac Swinford.

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbytery Youth Retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 18 – 19, 2023, Camp Akita, Logan Ohio. Any middle or high school youth interested in attending please talk to Pastor Tiffany at 614-596-1995 or email her at pastor@blvdchurch.org.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Our mission drive for the month of October is Heifer International. Heifer International works with communities to end hunger and hardship by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce opportunities to areas with a long history of poverty. While there are many ways to help Heifer in their work, we are continuing to focus on providing animals to those in need. The animals these families receive from Heifer provide them with both food and a source of reliable income as products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. Recipients are then required to pass on part of their gift to a neighbor in need. As many families in an area gain this sustainable type of income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives and funding small businesses. Since 1944, Heifer has provided these opportunities to resource-poor families in over 125 countries. Additionally, Heifer is an organization that fits well into the Matthew 25 initiative of eliminating systemic poverty. The following is a partial list of the animals Heifer provides and their cost:

Heifer \$500 Pig \$120
Water Buffalo \$250 Honeybee hive \$ 30
Llama/Alpaca \$150 Flock of Chickens \$ 20
Goat \$120 Flock of Ducks \$ 20
Sheep \$120

The Mission Committee would like to aggregate the gifts from the congregation and provide one donation from Boulevard. If you would like to contribute, you may put your check in the offering plate at church or mail it in to the office. Please be sure to put Heifer in the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping show Christ's love to those in need.



Why a Water Buffalo?

Water Buffalo are strong and can plow a field or pull a heavy load with ease. Using a water buffalo to plow increases a field's output by four times more than if plowed by hand. They eat weeds and grasses in areas that might not support other livestock. They provide 5% of the world's milk. Our mission drive for the month of October is Heifer International. Heifer International works with communities to end hunger and hardship by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce opportunities to areas with a long history of poverty. The animals received from Heifer provide families with both food and a source of reliable income as products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families in an area gain this sustainable type of income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives and funding small businesses. Since 1944, Heifer has provided these opportunities to resource-poor families in over 125 countries. The following is a list of the resources Heifer can provide and their cost:

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Water Buffalo \$250 Trees \$ 60
Llama \$150 Trio of Rabbits \$ 60
Goat \$120 Honeybee hive \$ 30
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HANDBELLS



Great news! The handbells have completed their trek to the Malmark factory in Bucks County PA to be refurbished. They look and sound like brand new, and are waiting for someone to come and ring them! They are seriously super-shiny. Being both percussive and melodic, handbell music has such a unique and fascinating sound. They are a joy to ring. If you are interested in making music in the bell choir with these beautifully refurbished instruments and are high school age and beyond, please contact:

Mary Ann Stephens

614-946-4941 or jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 27 at 6:45.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 10AM

PET BLESSING AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATE YOUR PET

You love your pet and God does too. Bring the family and your four-legged, feathered, scaled, or finned pet to be blessed by Pastor Tiffany Komasara in an informal outdoor setting on the lawn of the church. Come hear about the importance of pets in our family of faith and how they unconditionally love us every day. Remember pets that are no longer with us and are missed.

Come listen to some uplifting words about pets in our lives

Worship will engage all ages

Come as you are, leave changed

Treats provided for pets and people

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October 8, 10:00A.M.