



"The Way Home"

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

September 10th, 2023

PRELUDE

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Brian Doerksen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

"Can't Find My Way Home"

lyrics and music by Steve Winwood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you created us of water and dust and breath,

You planted a garden for us and filled it with good things.

You created us without sin; we knew of nothing that separated us from one another or you,

But then our eyes were closed to your grace, and opened to our shame.

We were no longer able to live in your Garden, so you followed us into our broken world.

We come to you now, yearning for connection, longing for home.

Let us worship the God who created us and who loves us.

*HYMN

"Come as You Are"

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been

Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

CHORUS: Lay down your burden, lay down your pain

All who are broken, lift up your face

Wanderer come home, you're not too far

Lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table, Come taste of the grace

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure (**chorus**)

CALL TO CONFESSION

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Loving God, you love us as we are, but we are never satisfied with ourselves. You fill our world with an abundance of good things, but we want the one thing we cannot have. Forgive us for our vanity; relieve us of our blindness to your grace. Open our hearts to be filled with your love; open our minds to know only your truth. Relieve us of the burdens of our hearts and our perceptions of the world . . .

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*Sung Response

**There's joy in the morning, O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

**So, lay down your burden, lay down your pain
All who are broken, lift up your face
Wanderer come home, you're not too far
Lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN 658

"God Is So Good"

**God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me
God cares for me...
God loves me so...
God is so good...**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 2:4-16; (pg.2) 3:1-24 (pg.2.)

This is the word of the Lord for which we say, **thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"The Way Home"

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (based on Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

Let us now return to God from the abundance God has entrusted to us.

OFFERTORY

“Presence of The Lord”

lyrics and music by Eric Clapton

**We have finally found a way to live
Like we never could before
And we come with what we have to give
For God can open any door**

**Everybody knows the secret
Everybody knows the score
We have finally found a place to live
In the presence of the Lord**

*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

**Oh God, there is no end to your creation. Remind us to keep our grasp loose on that which we are
given, that we may give of all we have according to your will.**

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.**

*SENDING HYMN 625

“How Great Thou Art”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able



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

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Worship Leader: George Ells

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Elder of the Month: Ian Gilbert

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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 3, 2023: 53

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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**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](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org) or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

## CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2023

**09/10) 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

\*10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.  
Intergenerational Event Sunday

*\*Children's Message 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.*

**09/11) Monday**  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**09/12) Tuesday**  
7:00 EDG Meeting  
7:30 AA meeting

**09/13) Wednesday**  
9:00am Quilters 111  
7:00pm-9:pm NA

**09/14) Thursday**  
7:15pm Chancel Choir  
7:30pm GA

**09/15) Friday**  
9:30 Stretch with  
Marlin

**09/16) Saturday**

**09/17) 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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



### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

| Date | Member:          | Date | Member:           |
|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 9/02 | Pastor Tiffany   | 9/16 | Ken Frick         |
| 9/03 | Mike Hamilton    | 9/16 | Jan Minton-Wood   |
| 9/03 | Brita Knapp      | 9/20 | Rob Williams      |
| 9/03 | Zachary Schmitz  | 9/21 | Hazel Schafer     |
| 9/05 | Michael McKinney | 9/22 | Nicole Richardson |
| 9/09 | Carolyn Schmitz  | 9/27 | Ian Rennick       |
| 9/10 | Garrett Fischer  |      |                   |
| 9/13 | Charlie Frick    |      |                   |

*Birthday Blessings to all!*

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



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

| Prayer asked from:          | For:                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                             | Carol Agler: breast cancer was removed during mastectomy with reconstruction on August 22. She is doing well and recovering at home. 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: Thursday, September 7, 2023 was her last day of radiation. Prayers for healing.                                                                                        |
| Sandy Ferguson              | Daughter: Caitlin, recuperating from ACL knee surgery.                                                                                                                                 |
| Melissa and Michael Schmidt | Michael's sister: Caroline, cancer has returned.                                                                                                                                       |
| Kathie Bailey               | Brother: Mike pancreatic cancer.                                                                                                                                                       |
| Jody Huggins                | Daughter-in-law: Pam recovering from back surgery.                                                                                                                                     |
|                             | 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, who 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:

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Here are the Christian Education opportunities starting at 11:15 after the service for next week, September 17:

**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. Please learn more from the insert and at the Matthew 25 station during this Sunday's Intergenerational Events!

**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.

## BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

The Boulevard Book Club typically meets at the church on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7p.m. We have selected many engaging fictions and non-fictions books to read. If interested in joining our e-mail list, please add your contact information to the signup sheet in the lounge. Should you have any questions please contact Casey Hoch: caseymwbl@sbcglobal.net

## 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.

## 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:

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

## **MEET MOVE TO PROSPER**

The Mission Committee is excited to introduce you to MOVE TO PROSPER, our mission partner for the month of September.

MOVE TO PROSPER (MTP) was created to give Central Ohio low-wage families with children a chance to live in our region's higher-resourced neighborhoods. Their goal is to improve academic performance for the children and to improve financial well-being and physical and mental wellness for them and their families.

The three-year program empowers these families to gain economic security by making affordable rental housing available to them in safe neighborhoods with higher-resources schools. MOVE TO PROSPER equips families with the tools they need to flourish including:

- 3 years of rental support
- Workshops and programs monthly
- A life coach to support reaching financial, career, educational and wellness goals for the entire family
- Assistance integrating children into a new school and the family into a new neighborhood

The ten families in their pilot program thrived, raising their incomes by 58% or about \$17,000 on average, and the children were exposed to opportunities they would never have experienced in their old neighborhoods. They are now in the process of recruiting the first families into their growth initiative Empower 100 which will afford these opportunities to 100 new families.

During the education hour on Sunday, September 17, we will be having a speaker from MOVE TO PROSPER who will share more about their life-changing program. Additionally, we will have a table at our Intergenerational Sunday on September 10 where you can find information. We hope you will join us in learning more about MOVE TO PROSPER, seeing how MTP fits into our Matthew 25 initiative to eliminate systemic poverty and offering your financial support for their efforts.