



“BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS”

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

October 8th, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Kevin Hicks

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148)

ONE: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

MANY: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

ONE: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

MANY: young men and women, old men and children.

ALL: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted!

*OPENING HYMN

“O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth” (see insert)

*HYMN OF CONFESSION

“Come as You Are”

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

[CHORUS]

**So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame
All who are broken, Lift up your face
Oh, wanderer come home, You're not too far
So, 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 the grace
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure [chorus]

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

Parent God, you love us unconditionally, yet we often condition our receiving of your love on things outside our control. You hold us in your presence at all times, yet we distance ourselves from you with the blame and shame that comes at times of loss, at times of death, and at times when we must own up to our mistakes and re-commit to living the life you call us to live.

Forgive us our inconsistency, and teach us to love you, our neighbors, all creatures and creation with the boundless, fire-hose blast of love that washes over us in birth, in baptism and rebirth, and in death and entry into eternal life with you.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you! **And, also with you.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING "Balaam's Talking Donkey" (Based on Numbers 22-24)

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READINGS "*Dogs in the Bible*"

Proverbs 26:11

Luke 16:19-21

Matthew 15:21-28

MESSAGE

"How Animals Bless Us"

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH GRATITUDE

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Doxology 606

"Maggie's Song"

by Chris Stapleton

**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 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

“Place in the Choir”

**All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, paws, or anything they've got now**

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning's flowers are in celebration of Ellen Rennick's birthday given by Jim & Kathie Bailey

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Worship Leader: Carol McFadden

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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 Nursery 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: October 8, 2023: 44

STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasa

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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. 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.

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.

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2023

10/08) Sunday 10:00am Worship Service in-person "Blessings of the Animals" & live-streamed on Facebook.			
10/09) Monday 6:30pm Session 7:30pm Boy Scouts	10/10) Tuesday 7:00pm EDG Meeting 7:30 AA	10/11) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 111 6:45pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm-9:pm NA	10/12) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA
10/13) Friday 9:30 Stretch with Marlin	10/14/Saturday		
10/15) 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 McMahan
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:
	Sandy Ferguson: On Monday, October 9 th Sandy is having surgery.
	Liz Harzoff: Mike Eberle's wife. Prayers of strength and hope. Liz had cancer surgery on Wednesday the 20 th , 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.
	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:

BOULEVARD BOOK CLUB- OCTOBER READING

Book Club is back for our 6th year! We continue in October with *The Thursday Murder Club: A Novel* by Richard Osman. We will meet in the chapel at 7pm on Tuesday, October 24th with discussion to be led by Jan Plas. If interested in joining our e-mail list, please contact Casey Hoch at caseymwbl@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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

Come and sing with us! Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed. Thursdays at 7:15p.m. We will be singing in Worship again on Sunday, October 22.

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.

HANDBELLS



If you are interested in making music in the bell choir with our refurbished Malmark handbells and are high school age and beyond please contact:

Mary Ann Stephens
614-946-4941 or jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

Rehearsals – Wednesday's at 6:45pm

OCTOBER IS HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The Mission Committee would like to aggregate the gifts from the congregation and provide one donation from Boulevard. We will be collecting funds during the month of October. 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 Llama?

Llamas walk well on steep slopes helping families to carry loads. Families comb or shear their fur to produce up to ten pounds of fleece per year. This fleece is used to make ponchos and sweaters or sold to provide income for the family. They like to stay in a herd and can live up to 20 years.

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:

Heifer	\$500	Pig	\$120
Water Buffalo	\$250	Trees	\$ 60
Llama	\$150	Trio of Rabbits	\$ 60
Goat	\$120	Honeybee hive	\$ 30
Sheep	\$120	Flock of Chickens	\$ 20

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