



Blessing of the Animals

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPT 29, 2024 10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Blowin’ in the Wind”
By Bob Dylan

The Boulevard Bandits

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 124:8)

Worship Leader Bill Gamble

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.

God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

Let us worship our Helper!

*OPENING HYMN

“I Lift My Eyes Up”
by Brian Doerkson

I lift my eyes up to the mountains

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, Maker of Heaven

Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need you Lord, you are my only hope

You are my only prayer

So, I will wait for you to come and rescue me

To come and give me life

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We long to gloss over the messy parts of our stories: the deceit, the anger and the heavy grudges. But nothing is hidden from God. We come before God and one another with complete honesty, naming our sins that we might reclaim our name as God’s beloved children.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people.

(moment of silent confession)

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

ALL SING:

**Oh, how I need you Lord, you are my only hope
You are my only prayer
So, I will wait for you to come and rescue me
To come and give me life**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God's help.

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

La paz del señor! The peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

HYMN OF GLORY

“All Creatures of Our God and King” stanza 1 only
**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Who Was Esther?

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Gamble

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

FIRST READING: Mordecai's Story

Bill Gamble

SECOND READING: Esther's Story

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

MESSAGE

“Let My Life Be Given Me”

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (based on Psalm 148:7-14)

Praise the Lord from the earth, your sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and old maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, shows splendor is over earth and heaven. **Hallelujah!**

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, creator of all things and give of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animal's health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and your servant Francis. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

*DOXOLOGY

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”
In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord, I will rejoice
Look to God, do not be afraid
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept all that is offered in this place this day, O God. Accept our material commitments to build a more peaceable family on this earth and in our own communities. Accept our personal commitments to become a people who break cycles of hatred and retaliation, in both large-scale and everyday ways. Use these gifts, and use us messy people, for the rebuilding of a world of hope and healing in your name, 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.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Place In the Choir"
by Bill Staines
All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“All God’s Critters Got A Place In the Choir”

Today’s order of worship is based on “Order of Worship for September 29” by Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook © 2024.

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THANKS TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Bill Gamble Usher Captain: Michael Schmidt Elder of the Month: Merri Bame
Worship Service Attendance for September 22, 2024 - 53

Nursery Care Available for Worship!

The Nursery is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings during the worship service. We need more volunteers to staff our nursery so we can offer care after worship and give our regular volunteers the opportunity to attend worship. Please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884) if you can give your time this way. All volunteers will be trained on the church’s child safety policy and background checked.

SING WITH US Thursdays 7:15-8:45 Chancel Choir rehearses in the sanctuary. All voice types and levels of musicianship are welcome to join! Questions? Talk to Choir Director Darius McBride.

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9/29) Sunday 10:00 am World Communication Sunday Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook; BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held on the lawn-second avenue side We Wonder for Ages 4-7. Children attend 10:00 am worship through the Children’s Message, then go to the window room connected to the nursery.			
09/30) 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10/01) Tuesday 6:30pm Worship Committee Meets 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA meets	10/02) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:30pm NA Meetings	10/03) Thursday 7:15 Choir Practice 7:30pm GA meets
10/4) Friday		10/05)	
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OPERATING BUDGET SNAPSHOT - AUGUST 2024					
	Month of	Budget	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Total
	August	August	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 9,624.65	\$ 19,075.00	\$ 170,722.07	\$ 152,600.00	\$ 228,900.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 25,830.69	\$ 30,054.00	\$ 208,861.45	\$ 240,432.00	\$ 360,585.00
Net	\$ (16,206.04)	\$ (10,979.00)	\$ (38,139.38)	\$ (87,832.00)	\$ (131,685.00)
August 2023 Comparison					
	Month of	Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Total
	August	August	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 21,946.17	\$ 18,948.00	\$ 164,821.91	\$ 151,584.00	\$ 227,377.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 33,877.56	\$ 26,454.00	\$ 195,814.54	\$ 210,192.00	\$ 315,977.00
Net	\$ (11,931.39)	\$ (7,506.00)	\$ (30,992.63)	\$ (58,608.00)	\$ (88,600.00)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GREAT DEAL FOR NSI THANKS TO BOULEVARD AND MEIJER STORES on September 14, Neighborhood Services (NSI) food pantry was the recipient of Meijer Stores Double Match program where the value of each gift card purchased is increased two times and those funds given to that day's recipient in the form of a store credit. Boulevard makes a monthly donation to NSI of \$360 from our mission budget. We took the money we had left to disburse to NSI for the rest of the year and purchased \$1800 worth of the special Meijer gift cards. With Meijer's additional donation, NSI ended up with a store credit of \$5400 with which they can purchase items that they are unable to get through the food bank such as spices (always requested by their clients) or turkeys for their Thanksgiving boxes. NSI is very appreciative of our making the effort to do this, and we are glad we were able to maximize our donation to them.

EVERYTHING GOOD ABOUT GOD IS TRUE Our Fall Faith Development offering after worship has just begun and meets most Sundays after worship in the Chapel. Together, we are reading Bruce Reyes' Chow's book, "Everything Good about God Is True," and will be creating our own 'faith montage' (kind of like a collage). Please see Pastor Tiffany or Martha Hills with questions or to request a copy of the book, which is also available through the Columbus library system.

REALM is coming! For many months, our administrative staff has been working diligently to update our congregational contact information, including giving information, and learning REALM - a new platform for sharing and managing all kinds of information and activities. If you receive an invite asking you to set up an account in REALM, please do not delete it! If you have questions or need to supply a better email address, please contact Jeanette at office@blvdchurch.org

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER another special worship service will be followed by an international-food themed time of fellowship sponsored by the Faith Development committee. If you have a favorite international treat that you'd like to share, please bring it!

DUE DATE FOR ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS - OCTOBER 1 It's Coming: opportunity to submit applications to the Endowment Committee Funds are awarded only TWICE a year, April and October. Funded are projects that fall into the following categories: Capital, Mission and Worship & Education. Funds vary in each category, each award cycle. Applications may only be submitted by Boulevard's members. Disbursements must be used within one year from the date of the approval unless extended by the Endowment Committee at the request of the applicant. Recipients will be required to file a written report to the Endowment Committee at the completion of action association with the disbursement. Copies for reimbursement are to be provided to the Chair. *Funds are not likely to be awarded to projects that can be paid from our operating budget or other sources.*

Endowment forms can also be found in the lounge. Please email your completed application to Jeanette, office@blvdchurch.org and Charmaine, charmainehamilton@hotmail.com. You may also leave a copy with Jeanette. If emailing, please confirm that your application was received. **Do you know your Endowment Committee Members?** Charmaine Hamilton, Chair, Katie Schmidt, Larry Schmitz, LaMar Zigler, Sandy Zigler, Pastor Tiffany, non-voting Melissa Schmidt, Treasurer, non-voting.

SAVE THE DATE: SUCH SWEET THUNDER OCTOBER 18. Our next free Community Concert will feature the jazz band Such Sweet Thunder. Featuring some of the Midwest's finest jazz musicians, Such Sweet Thunder pays loving tribute to the music of Duke Ellington and his musical partner Billy Strayhorn. The band includes trombonist Ryan Hamilton, son of Michael and Charmaine Hamilton. The concert will also benefit our mission partner, Freedom A La Cart

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING Saturday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington. See flyer in lounge for details.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Michael McKinney: pray for healing
Jeanette	Nephew Jonathan Rosa: prayers for his family and healing. Cancer has returned and for his dad, Joe.
	Judy Pierce: prayers for healing.
	Grace Parks: prayers for continuous healing.
	William Gonzalez: prayers for healing and comfort.
Grace Parks	Cousin Julie Bottomley: aggressive stage IV sarcoma. Brother Tim: Parkinson's disease.
Michael and Charmaine Hamilton	Granddaughter: Amelia Hamilton, rare disease of Friedreich's ataxia: brother Spencer and friends, Fred Heald and Karla Holton - ongoing medical concerns.
	Dave Grimm: prayers for healing.
Leah Hanesworth	Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer), and John (cancer of the mouth).
Pat Nicholson	Prayers for Granddaughter Stephanie and husband Corey Sander: healing for Corey's brain cancer.
Kathie Bailey	Brother Mike: pancreatic cancer.
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum: has Parkinson's Disease.
	Terry McFadden: in Allen Oakwood Correctional Facility.
Carol McFadden	Carol's sister, Susan Wright: prayers for healing.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE LIST

Members:		Members:	
Glenn Beaber	Willow Brook	Brita Knapp	Home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Betty Sikking	Home
Mary Ann Stockum	Ohio Living Westminster Thurber Assisted living.	Katy Frase	Home

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member
09/02	Pastor Tiffany Komasara	09/13	Charlie Frick
09/03	Mike Hamilton, Brita Knapp, Zachary Schmitz	09/16	Ken Frick, Jan Minton
09/05	Michael Mckinney	09/20	Rob Williams
09/09	Carolyn Schmidt	09/22	Nicole Richardson
09/10	Garrett Fischer	9/27	Ian Rennick