

"God of lack, God of plenty"

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 13, 2024 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Rockingham" By Alec Rowley

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

¡Bienvenido! Please sign the friendship register located at the end of each pew, and include any updated contact information. Prayer concerns may be submitted in writing in the offering plates, or aloud at our time of prayer.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Sandy Ferguson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Merri Bame

(Adapted from Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online, Call to Worship for Proper 23)

We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.

We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.

We gather as a community, offering compassion where there is suffering

Let us trust in God that we are never alone. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 436

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Trusting in God's gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others.

(moment of silent confession)

Minister continues: Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn, to judge, to determine our reality? Only Jesus the Christ, and Christ is the one who died for us, who rose for us, who reigns over us and who prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

*HYMN OF GLORY

"A Grateful Heart" stanzas 2-3

Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands. Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

"You've Got A Friend In Me"

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Merri Bame

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Job 2:11-3:1; 23:1-9, 16-17 (pg. 393)

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:17-31 (pg. 822)

MESSAGE "Giving Up"

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

WE BELIEVE that God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.

The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on her own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. God makes himself known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Elder Merri Bame

Just as Job's friends show up and offer what they have - presence, advice, even their wrong answers - we come before God and offer what we have, our whole, imperfect selves, trusting in God's grace to take what we bring and make it enough; to make us enough. The morning's offering will now be taken.

OFFERTORY

"O For The Wings Of A Dove" By Felix Mendelssohn Tom Kolar

*DOXOLOGY

"A Grateful Heart" stanza 1 only

A grateful heart is what I bring; a song of praise, my offering. Among the saints I lift my voice; in you, O God, I will rejoice.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. 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

"Heavenly Sunlight" (back of the Bulletin)

Rev. H. J. Elley, G. H. Cook, © 1899 by H. L. Gilmour

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"After a Service"
By Alec Rowley

Tom Kolar

THANKS TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Merri Bame Usher Captain: Bill Bell Elder of the Month: Beth Walli Worship Service Attendance for October 6, 2024 - 49

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Blvdchurch.org)

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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. 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.

^{*}Today's order of worship is based on "Order of Worship for October 13" by Philip K. Gladden and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook © 2024, and other sources where cited.



WORDS: H. J. Zelley, 1899 MUSIC: George Harrison Cook, 1899 SUNLIGHT 10.9.10.9 with refrain

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Ginny Achtermann: pray for healing
Bill Gamble	Sister's cancer has returned: prayers for healing.
	Michael McKinney: pray for healing
Jeanette	Cousin Frank: prayers for healing
	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
10/1	Ellen Rennick	10/15	Gabrielle Hicks, Judy McMahon
10/3	Jill Hooley	10/17	Ian McCormick
10/9	Cindy McKay, Gillian Nobel	10/20	Kevin Frick
10/13	Susan Ebert	10/31	Kathie Bailey

THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10/13) Sunday 10:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday worship service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook;

After service "Everything good about God is True" we are reading Bruce Reye's "Chow book".

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.

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10/14)	10/15) Tuesday	10/16) Wednesday	10/17) Thursday
6:30pm Cub	6:30pm Worship	9:30am Quilters	7:15 Choir Practice
Scouts	Committee	6:00pm Nominating	7:30pm GA meets
	7:00pm EDA	Committee	
	7:30pm AA	6:30pm Cub scouts	
		7:30pm NA	
10/18) Friday		10/19)	

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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)	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

IT'S STEWARDSHIP SEASON This Fall, your pledges will put leaves back onto our Stewardship Tree as we plan for meeting the financial needs of the year ahead. Pledge packets can be picked up after worship today or will be mailed next week. Please prayerfully consider the value of Boulevard Church to you, your household and our community and make your pledge by October 27.

Grandview Heights Cub Scout Pack 28 and Scout Troop 73 are selling fresh fruit from Florida This scrumptious fruit makes a wonderful gift to family and friends. Florida Indian River Groves offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee on all their fruit. If your order does not arrive fresh and perfect or if you or your recipients are not totally satisfied, they will make it right!!! How amazing is that! Thank you for supporting the Grandview Heights Scouting Program. FREE LOCAL DELIVERY around December 12-17.

Place your order before November 7th. To place your order online go to shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1025108. Thank you! Please contact Charmaine Hamilton for additional information. I am available to pick up and delivery your order. Monetary donations are appreciated.

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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: Advent begins December 1st and we are planning to write and produce another devotional written by our church members. We are looking for some more volunteers. If you agree to write you will be given several scripture passages to choose from. You select one and write about how it speaks to you in the season of Advent. This year Pastor Tiffany has shared some materials with us that she intends to use for our worship during Advent. Each week has a theme and it would be great to try to link to those themes. The themes are: You are a Blessing; We can't go alone; Do the Good that is yours to do; and Hope is worth the risk. Examples of earlier devotional booklets are in the lobby. What you write would need to be submitted by November 13th, so if you have been touched by the devotional in the past or looking for a way to prepare for Christmas please prayerfully consider this as a calling. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Kyme Rennick 614-893-1740 or KWRennick@earthlink.net (mailto:KWRennick@earthlink.net).

EVERYTHING GOOD ABOUT GOD IS TRUE Our Fall Faith Development offering after worship will meet October 13, 20 and 27. 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

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.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SPEAKING Do you know the difference between the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Rumpke Recycling? "The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) serves Franklin County and neighboring areas with solutions for solid waste. We are one of 52 solid waste districts created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1989. These districts were established with the mission of reducing reliance on landfills. Acting upon that mission, SWACO provides consumers recycling opportunities around Franklin County at our recycling drop off-locations." copied from the SWACO website RUMPKE - "For nearly a century, the Rumpke Family has operated one of the nation's largest waste and recycling companies providing residential and commercial trash and recycling services to Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia and Illinois. Keeping your hometown clean is our job. Innovation to preserve the planet is our mission." copied from the Rumpke website. SWACO manages the Franklin County landfill and works with RUMPKE who provides trash and recycling services. ~ from Charmaine Hamilton

YWCA SHELTER DINNER: YWCA Shelter Dinner. Effective September 1st, there will be a major change in the way we serve dinners. The Shelter has implemented a program where the food must be prepared at the shelter kitchen. The canned goods, chips and cookies are still acceptable in pre-packaged units. We are going to change our menu from sloppy joes to shredded chicken sandwiches and hot dogs. There is a donation box by the sign-up sheet in the lounge. We are anticipating the need for \$200 in donations. Any questions please feel free to contact Bill Bell.

SCRUBBIES: Do you remember the popular "Scrubbies" our church women made? They are now available from the women of Covenant Presbyterian Church for \$2 each with a variety of different colors. Please call Sally Neff at (614) 224-3719 to place an order if you're interested.