



“Receiving Good and Evil”

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“O Rest in the Lord”
By Felix Mendelssohn

Tom Kolar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

Thank you for making the effort to worship with us this day! Truly your presence makes us all more fully the body of Christ. 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 SPEAKER

Merri Bame

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 46)

Katie Schmidt

*(Written by Joanna Harader, and posted on **Spacious Faith** at <http://spaciousfaith.com/2013/05/21>)*

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world—causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms, **God is their refuge.**

For those living in fear of their neighbors, **God is their strength.**

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile, **God is present.**

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, **God is a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore, we will not fear. **Therefore, we will surrender our weapons and worship our God.**

*OPENING HYMN 329

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

When we reflect on the frailty and suffering in the world, we cannot help but ask, “where are you, God?” Even when the voice of ages whispers “I am here” through the wind and the rubble, we doubt, despair, question and withdraw. And yet, God cares for us; God remains faithful to us; God keeps their promise to heal and restore. Emboldened by God’s love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God’s grace. Let us confess together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you created the heavens and earth, caused seas to recede and plants to grow, you set humanity as stewards over creation, yet we deny or ignore the ways our everyday actions affect the climate. You stay faithful in your love for us, but when faced with loss or suffering, we succumb to feelings of abandonment, guilt and resistance instead of staying faithful in our love for you.

We confess that we still don't understand what it means to submit to your will, or to live dependent upon your grace. Forgive us, Lord of all, for all the ways we turn away from you . . .

(moment of silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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

*HYMN OF GLORY 19 "God of Great and God of Small" stanza 1 only

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN "Job's Bad Day" Rev. Tiffany Komasa

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Katie Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (pg. 392)

MESSAGE "Receiving Good and Evil" Rev. Tiffany Komasa

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Katie Schmidt

OFFERTORY "At the Table of the Lord"
By Jay Althouse Chancel Choir
Darius McBride, Conductor

*DOXOLOGY 516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" stanza 1 only

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we dedicate to your glory these beautiful hand-quilted reminders of the diversity of all creation and the abundance of your grace.

May the gifts we offer likewise extend outward like rainbows and stars, sowing seeds of peace and justice according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.**

MINISTER CONTINUES:

There is nothing more right than to give you thanks and praise

Therefore we praise you, joining the heavenly chorus and the global choir. Singing forever to the glory of your name.

ALL SING:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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!

MINSTER CONTINUES:

We thank you for your son Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love and joyful service. Great is the mystery of faith.

ALL SING:

“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

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

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Communion in G”

Tom Kolar

By Alexandre Guilmant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 764

“For the Troubles and the Sufferings”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in D Minor”

Tom Kolar

By J.S. Bach

Today’s order of worship is based on “Order of Worship for October 6” by Rev. Stephanie Sorge and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook © 2024, and other sources where cited.

The flower for this morning’s service are in honor of Ellen Rennick on her Birthday from the Quilters

THANKS TO THOSE HELPING WITH TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Katie Schmidt Usher Captain: Jody Huggins Elder of the Month: Beth Walli

Worship Service Attendance for September 29, 2024 - 61

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.

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Blvdchurch.org)
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THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10/6) Sunday 10:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook; 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.			
10/07) 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10/08) Tuesday 6:30pm Worship Committee Meets 7:00pm EDA 7:30pm AA meets	10/09) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:30pm NA Meetings	10/10) Thursday 7:15 Choir Practice 7:30pm GA meets
10/11) Friday 9:00 Stretch with Marlin		10/12)	
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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

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.

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).

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 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.

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.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Ginny Achtermann: pray for healing
	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
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