

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 A.M.

Rev. Kerry Shull
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Debussy *Reverie*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. We are to stand during designated hymns out of worship and honor. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Offering is to be placed in plate when exiting. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your congregation safe.

INTROIT: “Breathe” *(See Insert to follow along)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) (from Psalm 139:1, 7-8, 11-12, 23-24)

(L) O LORD, you have searched us and known us.

(P) You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away.

(L) Where can we go from your spirit? Or where can we flee from your presence?

(P) If we ascend to heaven, you are there; if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there.

(L) If we say, “Surely the darkness shall cover us, and the light around us become night,”

(P) Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

(ALL) Search us, O God, and know our heart; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

(L) Let us worship God.

*HYMN: “Here in This Place” *(See Insert)*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Romans 8:14-15)

(L) Sisters and brothers, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Romans 8:12-25)

(P) Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

(L) Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

(P) Thanks be to God.

*SONG OF PRAISE: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *(See Insert)*

CONCERNS and JOYS

Rev. Kerry Shull

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: *We, the members of Buckingham Presbyterian Church, lift up our prayers of gratitude and thanks today for ED WELCH and his many years of service and ministry that we shared together. May God’s abundant blessings continue for each of us. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(Greet your neighbors from a distance)*

The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Luke 2:19)

(L) Holy One, you love with a father’s tenderness, a mother’s zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation’s praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray. **(P) Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

(L) The Word of the Lord. **(P) Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:12-25

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NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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SERMON: The “Grasper” Is Grasped

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*HYMN: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” *(See Insert)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)*

(L) Let us confess our faith using this adaption from the Confession of Belhar.

(P) We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY (Genesis 28:14)
(L) God blesses us that we might carry that blessing into the world. Let us give with grateful hearts.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
(L) God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we bring these worn and freighted offerings, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place.
(P) Amen.
*SONG OF DEDICATION: **(Doxology)**

THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” **(See Insert)**

*BLESSING
(L) Sisters and brothers, however dark the night gets – whatever you have stolen or squandered – know that you are held by a love like this: the Creator who made you still claims you in covenant love. The Redeemer who died for your sake lives again by the word of God; the Sustainer of all creation yet breathes courage into your heart.
*CHARGE
(L) Sisters and brothers, the triune God still traffics in mercy. Serve, then, with boldness and joy.
(P) Amen.
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POSTLUDE: Debussy *Suite Bergamasque part 4*

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Your very presence living in me.

This is my daily bread
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And I, I'm desperate for you
And I, I'm lost without you



1ST HYMN: HERE IN THIS PLACE (Gather Us In)



Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
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Here we will take the wine and the water;
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Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
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Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
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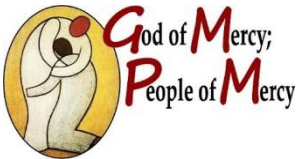
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Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

SONG OF PRAISE



There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.

2nd HYMN: I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.



In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
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When my heart is almost breaking,
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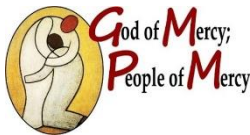
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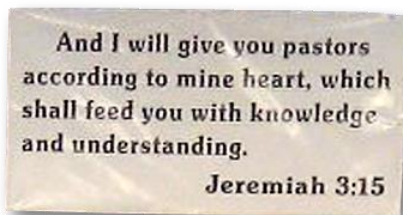
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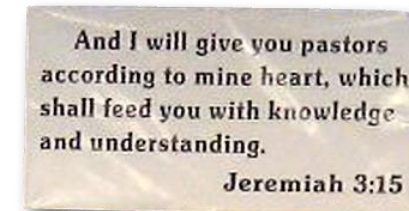
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