

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN #55** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
("Hymns of Grace")

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "This Is The Feast" Dr. Charles Callahan

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\*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

**TO OUR VISITORS**

We welcome you to our worship. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome into membership all who love Jesus Christ, accept him as Lord of all life, and seek to serve him as part of his body in the church. We invite you to speak to one of our elders, greeting you at the door as you leave the worship service.

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides a Drive Thru Lunch Pickup at BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM.

**Sunday, October 24**

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202  
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200  
10:00 AM – Worship Service

**Tuesday, October 26**

9:30 AM – Presbytery of Charlotte Meeting at Rocky River PC

**Wednesday, October 27**

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 29**

1:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 31**

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202  
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200  
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion and All Saints’ Remembrance

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, November 1**

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

**Tuesday, November 2**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 3**

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, November 7**

GENEROSITY SUNDAY  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202  
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200  
10:00 AM – Worship Service

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Marsha Johnson, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Doug Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
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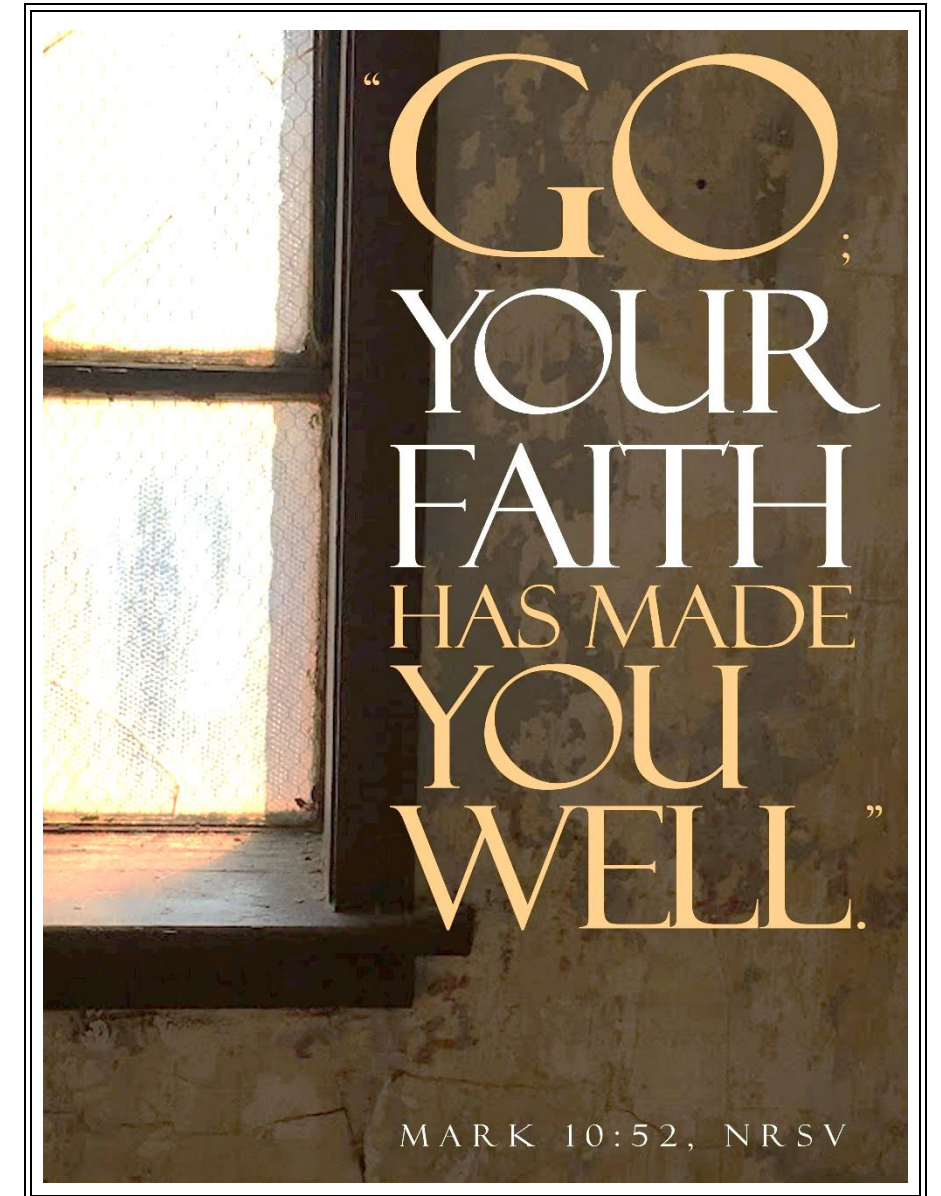


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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
**October 24, 2021**

*"A family of faith in Jesus Christ, yesterday, today, and tomorrow."*

*We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!*

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, October 24	Monday, October 25	Tuesday, October 26	Wednesday, October 27	Thursday, October 28	Friday, October 29	Saturday, October 30
<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 108; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Hag. 1:1-2:9 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Jeremiah 44:15-30 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 18:24-19:7 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 10:25-37 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 66; 73	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 62; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Zech. 1:7-17 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Jeremiah 45:1-5 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 1:4-20 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 12:43-50 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 73; 9	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 12; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Ezra 5:1-17 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Lamentations 1:1-5 (6-9) 10-12 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 4:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 13:1-9 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 36; 7	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 96; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Ezra 6:1-22 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Lamentations 2:8-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 5:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 13:10-17 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 132; 134	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 116; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Neh. 1:1-11 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Lamentations 2:16-22 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 5:11-6:11 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 13:18-23 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 26; 130	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 84; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Neh. 2:1-20 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Lam. 4:1-22 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 6:12-7:4 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 13:24-30 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 25; 40	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 63; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Neh. 4:1-23 <i>Or alt. 1st Read:</i> Lamentations 5:1-22 <i>2nd Read:</i> Revelation 7:(4-8) 7:9-17 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 13:31-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 125; 90

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

10:00 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Largo from "Xerxes"* G.F. Handel

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TRINITY CHIMES**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: With our lips and with our hearts:

**People: we bless God in every moment of our lives.**

Leader: With our ears and with our hearts:

**People: we will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers, in every painful moment, in every broken place.**

Leader: With every gift and with our hearts:

**People: we will serve God and all of God's children, with every moment of our lives.**

**\*HYMN #381** *"The Solid Rock"*  
("Hymns of Grace")

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we cannot do it, God can! Anything and everything – our messes, the hurts we inflict on others, the way we stand around when we could be helping – God can renew, reshape, restore us. That is how much God loves us, this is why God calls to us to come and be healed. Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious and holy God, we admit that it is easier to have pain-causing words on our lips, than praise for another. Our foolishness often keeps us from seeing the deep hurts and hunger of the suffering who are around us. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope.**

**We are not people who repent in ashes and dust, but we do know we need your mercy, and ask that you forgive our faithlessness, our fears, our hurts. Healer of all people, we lift our hearts and souls to you, that through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name.** *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Take heart: God hears your prayers. Get up: God has healed your brokenness. Listen: God calls to you with hope, with forgiveness, with life.

**People: Now, our eyes are opened and we can see; now, our ears are opened and we can hear; now, we can follow Christ into the kingdom. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### **\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *(sung)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### THE WORD

### **TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS**

**ANTHEM** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* John Ness Beck

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Richie Goodman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 488)

42 <sup>1</sup>Then Job answered the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup>Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup>Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' <sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup>Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup>The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup>After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup>And Job died, old and full of days.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 47)

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher,<sup>[a]</sup> let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**SERMON** Rev. Debi Madden

**\*HYMN #176** *"Be Thou My Vision"*  
("Hymns of Grace")

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

### **GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory *"Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming"* Johannesburg Brahms

**\*Doxology** *(sung)*

**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**