

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

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

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship. We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members and childcare following the Time with the Children for ages two through kindergarten. If you have questions, please see an usher and they will be happy to assist you.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to our guest musicians at our outdoor worship service today, **Jake Fink, Jessica Devone, and Charlie Kluttz.**

Community Choir Concert

The Community Choir that has been meeting here at Bethpage on Thursday evenings will be holding a **community concert in the BPC Fellowship Hall this Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 PM.** The Bethpage church family is invited and so is the whole community, so invite your friends to come! There will be a short reception following the concert.

THIS WEEK AT BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

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.
(There will be no meal pickup on Monday, May 30th)
Beginning Wednesday, June 1st, LunchPlus Club will offer INDOOR dining as well as meal pickup.

Sunday, May 22

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service Outdoors
4:00 PM – Community Choir Concert in BPC Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 23

7:00 PM – Circle 2

Tuesday, May 24

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall – Cook Out & Party

Saturday, May 28

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Girl Scouts Archery Club – field & basement

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day – Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club meal pickup today

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM – LunchPlus Club begins Indoor Dining and Meal Pickup in BPC Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 5

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Pentecost Offering to be received
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 with Communion

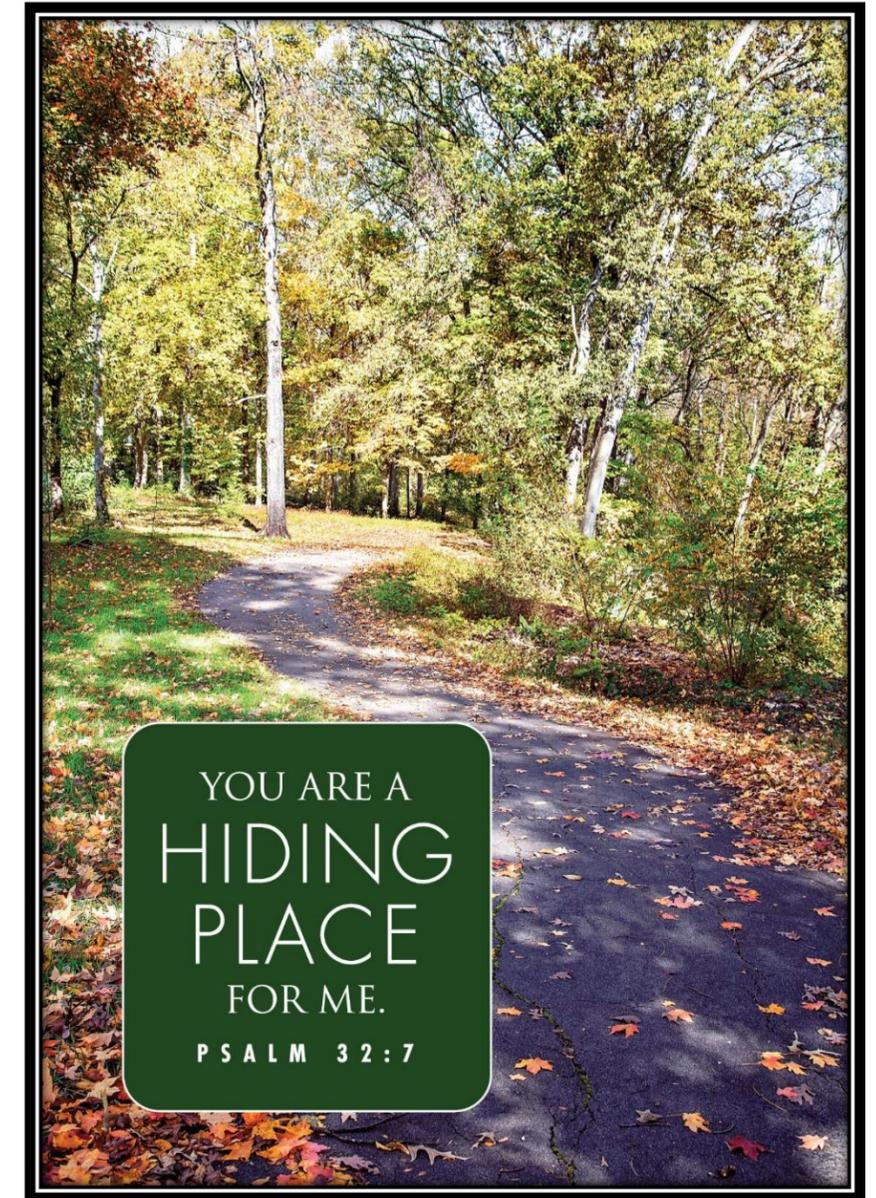
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Valerie Hicks, <i>Moderator</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
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Richie Goodman, <i>Stewardship</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Nurture</i> Melissa Wright	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Personnel</i>



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
May 22, 2022

***“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!

The Service for the Lord's Day The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and growing.

*HYMN

"I Saw The Light"

(Verse 1)

I've wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

(Chorus)

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

(Verse 2)

I've walked in darkness, clouds covered me
I had no idea where the way out could be
Then came the sunrise and rolled back the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light *(Chorus)*

(continued →)

(Verse 3)

Just like a blind man I wandered alone
Worries and fear I claimed for my own
Then like a blind man who God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light *(Chorus)*

(Verse 4)

When death takes me down and I breath here no more
My anthem will sound on that eternal shore
When I join with the angels in heaven on high
Singing "Praise the Lord, I saw the light" *(Chorus)*

I'll fly away O Glory

I'll fly away.

When I die Hallelujah by and by

I'll fly away.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, Gentle Mother, hold us in the arms of your forgiveness and grace. When we run from you or abandon your guiding light, welcome us back with mercy. When we squander your gifts or reject your generosity, remind us of where we fit into your gracious love. Open our eyes to our sin and bring us in humility to you in repentance. Forgive us when we grasp for control forgetting that all of life is a gift. Help our lives to be a worthy response to your love and grace. Hear us as we come before you in silence . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

It astonishes us to be made in God's image. It overwhelms us to be liberated by God's grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. We will live out of that forgiveness this day and in the days to come. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

(Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sherry Shifflett

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 32 (The Message)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 22:54-62 (The Message)

SERMON

"Failures"

Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, whose love we know in the beauty of all creation, in the creation of all people, in the kindness of human hearts, and most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth. We believe in Jesus Christ whose revelation of grace and mercy brings forgiveness for our past, strength for our future, and deliverance, from the fear of death. We believe in the Holy Spirit, as God present with us, disciples of justice, and givers of mercy. We believe in the final triumph of God's kindness and in life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

*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

Gracious and generous God, we come with gifts in response to your love. Use them and us to bring about healing in our hurting world. Help us to proclaim the good news with our words and actions. Remind us to welcome all in your name and bind us together in love and service. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF 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.