

For Young
Worshippers:
The woman needs
help. Jesus will
help her, but he's
still deciding to do
that. The men in
the background
have already
decided. They
will not help
the woman.
Some crumbs are
falling off the
plate that's on the
table. Who do you
imagine will eat
those crumbs?



A Canaanite woman cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David!" But he did not answer her.
Matthew 15:22

The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green

Service for the Lord's Day

August 16, 2020

Mission Statement: We Share the Vitality of Christ, Loving, Serving, and Welcoming All.

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Aria

David Ashley White

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

How precious it is when people live and work together!

In the measure we do this, we begin to resemble our Lord.

Come, let us together bless Jesus' name, rejoice in his loving concern for us, declare his worth to all creatures, and walk in obedience to his will;

And learn to carry our Lord's purpose of peace to our discordant world.

It is God who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship and serve God together.

Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

First Verse Only

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

This Call to
Worship is based
on Psalms 133 and
134. Psalm 133 is
about the unity of
believers. Psalm
134 is about those
same believers
worshipping
together.

For ourselves, and on behalf of a world wracked with hate, we make this confession.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. Your compassion embraces everyone, but we only love a little, and only love a few. In our lives, there are many strangers. We do not treat these strangers well. Heal the wounds caused by our sinfulness. Relieve us of the fear and distrust we feel. Make us a community of reconciliation, that we may truly embody Christ's love and rejoice in his mercy and grace. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Kyrie

Declaration of Good News

Passing the Peace of Christ

The risen Lord brought the gift of life-giving peace. Let us share it with one another.

Time with Young Disciples

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalmery Reading

How Good Is Peace and Unity

Psalm 133

Behold how good and how lovely it is : **when brothers live together in unity.**

It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard : **fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

It is like a dew of Hermon : **like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.**

For there the Lord has commanded his blessing : **which is life for evermore.**

Anthem

Still, My Soul, Be Still

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Beth Pope, soprano

Wayne Pope, guitar

To say that unity is a good thing seems very obvious! But too many people still seem to prefer disunity.

Is it right to eat with unwashed hands? Is it right for Jews to love Gentiles? Is kindness more important than tradition?

All Stand for the Reading of the Gospel

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus, the Scribes and Pharisees, the Disciples, and a Foreign Woman Argue About What's Right

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat." He answered them, "You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'" Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." He answered, "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit. Out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Video Pollyanna Teaches Her Minister About Being Glad

Sermon *Hand Washing and Feeding Dogs* Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

Response Hymn 399 *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN
Sing Through Three Times

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Emma Ahmed

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 396 *Brethren, We Have Met in Worship* HOLY MANNA
First and Second Verses

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

Benediction

Postlude *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

*WELCOME VISITORS! Even as we worship online, we are glad you are with us! For more information about our church, pastoral help or for prayer requests, please email our church office.
www.bgpres.org*

The Apostles' Creed is one of the most widely used creeds among Christian Churches of the global West. It has been especially useful for teaching and worship.

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Calendar

Sunday, August 16

10:30 a.m. Worship
Livestream only

Monday, August 17

Preschool Learning Center Resumes Classes
5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. **White Fragility** Discussion (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 18

11:00 a.m. Finance Ministry
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, August 19

6:30 p.m. City of God (Zoom)

Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, August 23: Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week is Angie Alexieff. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY:

WE'RE ZOOMIN'! - if your group/committee/ministry needs to meet, we can set you up! Please call the office or [email](#). Meetings cannot overlap, so calling/emailing ensures we can keep a good schedule. If you need some help getting started with zoom, contact the office.

PIG PICKIN' is postponed. We hope to reschedule sometime later in September as able (or perhaps early October). Stay tuned.

COMING UP:

ROUND TABLE PULPIT is meeting via Zoom, each Monday at 5:00pm. Contact the office for the information to log in.

JOIN GLENN KIRKCONNELL FOR VIDEO DISCUSSION. Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (6:30 to watch the video), Glenn is leading discussion on the Great Courses study *The City of God*, By St. Augustine. Questions? [Email Leslee Kirkconnell](#).

WHITE FRAGILITY DISCUSSION GROUP is meeting Monday evenings at 7:00pm. Tough conversations, necessary conversations, as we begin to work on ourselves to recognize our racial bias in the work toward dismantling structural racism. Contact Leslee Kirkconnell. Part of Matthew 25.

JOIN AS YOU ARE ABLE! Karen Watson is leading a walking group at Griffin Park on Tuesdays, 8:15am weather permitting. Devotion time and then walking. Enter from Smallhouse Road and meet at the Amphitheater-you need a mask. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Text or email Karen to let her know you want to join this group. Karen's phone number: 270-991-5673, or email address: mail@kgwatson.com Even though the group will be meeting in person, physical distancing is still needed, so we can be safe together!

JOIN US AUGUST 25 for a zoom discussion of the documentary *13th* on Netflix (and YouTube). An in-depth and revealing look at our prison system and the toll it takes on people of color. 7:00pm - [email Leslee](#) for the link. Please watch before we gather. Part of Matthew 25.

SEERSUCKER SUNDAY IS AUGUST 30! Yes, we ARE going to have our usual 'farewell' to summer (and what a summer it has been!). BUT we are doing it #healthyathome. Find that special outfit and take that selfie and email or post on our Facebook page!

OTHER NEWS:

BE SAFE, PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS. Wear that mask when you are out! We have folk in our congregation making cloth masks, so [email](#) us if you need one or more. If you stop by the church office, a mask is required to enter.