

**BETHEL MURDOCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
9602 Murdoch-Goshen Road, Loveland, OH 45140  
**July 10, 2022 10:30 a.m.**  
**Celebrating 207 years of Faithful Service to Our God**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

***We Enter Into God's Presence***

**WELCOME**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**THE PEACE**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**“SURELY THE PRESENCE”**

**Surely the presence of the LORD is in this place.**

**I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.**

**Surely the presence of the LORD is in this place.**

L: The word is very near to you;

**P: it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.**

L: God is our refuge and strength,

**P: a very present help in trouble.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: B-420 “God of Grace and God of Glory ”**

1 God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people  
pour thy power; Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ,  
assail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

3 Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to  
Thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that  
they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces  
Pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

5 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore:  
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our  
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us  
confess our sin to God as we pray together saying,

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We  
humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you  
with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We  
have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you,  
our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your  
great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart,  
O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your  
presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of  
your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

### **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to  
you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy,



understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right

and teaches them his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii<sup>[c]</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

**MESSAGE:        *Listening, Observing and Acting***

**Rev. Dr. Deborah Uchtman**

I was recently thinking about my home life when I was growing up. I remember when my brother and I were little, my parents would ask us to pick up our toys and they received no response. They would ask us to make our beds and they would get no response. Then they would huddle together and in a stage whisper one would ask if we should go to the park? And they would get a huge response of, "Yes, please, please can we go to the park?" To which my parents would respond, "Well, now we know that you can hear us and now that you are listening - if you want to go to the park, then you need to pick up your toys and make your beds."

Hearing is certainly not the same thing as listening. You can hear something and ignore it, but to actively listen is to interact in a significant way with the speaker giving them your undivided attention.

There were times that must have frustrated my parents to no end when my brother and I would come in from school, throw our coats and books on the nearest chair, kick off our shoes and let them lay wherever they landed. "Hmm," my mother would say as she looked around the corner, "you do see that your shoes are in the middle of the road, right where other people will be walking? If you can see them, then perhaps you should think in terms of observing that unless you pick up your shoes, someone like me will trip over them."

It is easy to see something and ignore it, but to observe is to be engaged in considering what one has seen and draw a conclusion about what has been observed.

There were plenty of times when I was young that I was asked to do something and often it was just going through the motions to do whatever it was I was told to do. But if there was something I found that intrigued me or made me feel passionate, I would consider acting in order to accomplish whatever it was.

In a similar way Jesus is using the story of the Good Samaritan to help the lawyer understand how it is that we are to interact with our neighbor by viewing the other as a beloved child of God. The man attacked by robbers had been beaten and left by the side of the road and the priest most likely could hear the man groaning and moaning in pain, however the priest

chose not to listen because he was going to the temple and he went on his way.

Likewise the Levite came down the road and surely he could see the man bleeding and in distress on the side of the road, however, the Levite chose not to make the observation that this man needed help and he continued on his way.

It was not until the Samaritan arrived and listened to the moaning, observed the wounds and distress of the man that moved him to his very core. The Samaritan knew that not only did he need to do something, like bandage the man's wounds, but he needed to take action on behalf of the man who was not able to take care of himself. It was the Samaritan's God-given ability to listen, observe and act that saved the life of the man and showed the lengths of which a savior would go.

Jesus made the point that it is not always the one with money, power or prestige that will save us – rather it is the one that loves God with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their strength, and with all their mind; that will then be able to be listening, observing and acting through their love of God to the neighbors around them whoever they may be. Just like Jesus did through his life death and resurrection in order to redeem and save you and for me.

Let us decide today to be inspired by the ways in which Jesus listened, observed and acted so that each of us will work passion and drive to do God's in this world. Amen.

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

**HYMN: B-525**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
heard You calling in the night I will  
go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

2.I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain  
I have wept for love of them They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3.I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (*The Apostles' Creed-Ecumenical*)

**OFFERING (Please remember to mail your offering to Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church, 9602 Murdoch Goshen Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140)**

**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION – (Please send your joys and concerns to the church email and we will publish them in the weekly ENews)**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love.

God our creator, you made all things in your wisdom, and in your love you save us. We pray for the whole creation. Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong, feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice, so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made, and joyfully sing your praises.

Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Cheer them by your word, and bring healing as a sign of your grace.

God of comfort, stand with those who sorrow that they may be sure that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall separate them from your love.

God of all generations, we praise you for all your servants who, having been faithful to you on earth, now live with you in heaven. Keep us in fellowship with them, until we meet with all your children in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our prayers and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ, the One who taught us to say as we pray,

### **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.

### ***We are Sent Out to Love and Serve***

#### **HYMN: B-429      "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"**

1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, And the gospel go unheard, Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, Life abundant meant for each, Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, Daily  
lift life heavenward, Asking that the world around us  
Share your children's liberty:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they  
do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure All that  
you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you  
to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend, And, amid the cares  
That claim us, hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

### **Charge and Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.  
And as you go out, know that you take with you the love of God, the grace  
of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and the *awesome* power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Choral Amen**

### **Postlude**