

**BACON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**A family of faith since 1922**

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Church office hours - Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

**August 7, 2022 - 9th Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Large Print bulletin available - ask an usher

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

\* Please stand if you are able.

**ENTER TO WORSHIP**

We utilize Feasting on the Word, Year C words for worship.

**GOD CALLS US TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE**      “Change My Heart O God”      Eddie Espinosa

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary story

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

L: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

L: Let us now offer each other a sign of peace in genuine fellowship and reconciliation in community with one another.

**MEDITATION & OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

L: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

**A: The earth declares God’s beauty.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting

**A: God’s word shines forth in glory.**

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” all vs.**

(Familiar melody)

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & Words of Forgiveness (Unison)**

**Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**Introduction:** Launch the words “Sodom and Gomorrah” at a group of people, and already the listeners are clear; judgment is coming. This text comes down like a gavel in a courtroom – or perhaps more like a sledgehammer. “Hear the word of the lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!” Hear our text this morning from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 1, verse 1 and verses 10-20.

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzzi'ah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomor'rah!

<sup>11</sup>“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats.

<sup>12</sup> “When you come to appear before me, who requires of you this trampling of my courts?”

<sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN #188** seated “**Jesus Loves Me!**” verse 1

1. Jesus Loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### **CHILDREN’S TIME & 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.

**ANTHEM “Everyday Miracles”***Soloist - Barry Rose*

- <sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.  
<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.  
<sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
<sup>35</sup>“Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning,  
<sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks.  
<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.  
<sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants!  
<sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into.  
<sup>40</sup>You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## SERMON

**“When we were brave, patient and calm...”**

*Pastor Lisa Giacomazza*

**\*HYMN AFTER SERMON #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”** all vs

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the word around:  
loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the word around:  
loaves abound!

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the word around:  
loaves abound!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Responsive)

Let us pray for the world, saying, **O God of hope, increase our faith.**

## **OFFERING**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “I Need Thee Every Hour” Robert Lowery

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

**Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that they would increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**#507 Come to the Table of Grace – vs. 1**

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not your or mine. Come to the table of grace.

L: Lord, we hear our call but some of us carry heavy burdens that pull us in other directions, away from you. Lord we feel the Holy Spirit is leading us home in this sacrament. Here at this Table all people are invited—no matter what you have done or left undone. Rich, poor, sinner or saint – all of us come as we are. Here at this table we are free to tell God the truths of our lives—where it hurts, what we need, where we're from, and where we hope to go. And here at this Table we are not alone. We are surrounded by community, surrounded by connection. So come to this Table—as we seek the light of God together. God is here. There is a seat saved for you.

**P: Then let all who love him come to this table.**

**THE PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: For what do we offer thanks to God at this table?

**P: You formed us in your image and set us in this world to love and serve you. When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made a covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over the earth.**

L: When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests.

And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace.

L: What do we remember at this table?

**P: We remember that Jesus, knowing the suffering he would endure, still gave his life to break walls that divide us from God and from each other..**

L: And because, O God, you gave us the gift of your only Son:

**P: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we claim his strength.**

L: Now, by your presence, O God, make sacred this feast in memory of Jesus Christ. As this broken bread was scattered like grain on the hillsides, and then, when gathered together from the ends of the earth into your eternal realm, like Christ, who was offered up to you that we might live, and like this wine, which was poured out that all might share in the signs of new life, so may the lives of your people be poured out in compassion, and in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of this world. We ask that you would be among us in this meal. Allow this bread and cup to remind us of your home for us. Allow this meal to fill us to the brim so that when we leave this space we carry bits of you with us. Allow this meal to nourish us in the way only you can. We are inviting you in. Amen.

**HYMN #581 – Glory Be to the Father**

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...amen.

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Please come forward to take the bread and eat. You will then take the cup and drink.

All people are invited to receive Holy Communion.  
Our “wine” is unfermented grape juice.

**Communion Hymn  
“Jesus Remember Me”**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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**\*THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Please stand if you are able)

L: Lord God, we come from many places and each of us call a different space home.

**P: Now that we have been fed from this one table, remind us that our home is in you and all are beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God.**

L: Lord, we are seeking a home, a home in You where we can help those in need and show them the path to your light. Amen

**\*ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

## **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION HYMN #837 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”** all vs

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with the Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**\*CHARGE**

**BLESSING**

Be not afraid, for it is God’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom, an unfailing treasure and eternal blessing.

**\*POSTLUDE “Lord I Lift Your Name On High”** Rick Founds

**LITURGIST – *Bill Springer***

### **Question for Reflection**

How do you balance studying the Word and fostering a relationship with God while also serving others?

### **Prayer for the Week**

Holy God, at the setting of the sun your love brings judgment, and I know of my need for your grace.  
Help me to be more faithful to justice, more truthful in love, and ever mindful of your mercy. Amen.

**Thank you to Woody** for guiding our worship service last week, giving us an animated and inspiring message and reminding us of the old “Here’s the Church...”

The music committee is **looking for Bell Ringers**. You don’t have to read music, you just need to know your colors. Contact Maureen at 716-417-8519

The **next NAP** (Niagara Area Presbyterians) dinner is scheduled for **September 7th at 5:00 pm** at Riverside so please mark your calendars!

### **Stories still needed for Bacon's 100th Anniversary year**

Do you have a story to tell from the first 100 years at Bacon? Maybe a special person or event that made an impression on you? Maybe you would like to let us know how you came to Bacon? Or maybe things you enjoy about Bacon? Please email your stories to Jeff Trethewey ([jefftrethewey@yahoo.com](mailto:jefftrethewey@yahoo.com)) or contact him at 716-383-2333 if you need help developing or writing your story.

### **BACON'S POTLUCK PICNIC/WORSHIP SERVICE AT HYDE PARK'S OASIS SHELTER ON AUG. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church's worship service/potluck picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at Hyde Park's Oasis Shelter, 911 Robbins Drive in Niagara Falls (just north of the Ice Pavilion). Worship starts at 10:30am and the picnic will begin around 11:30am. Those who are able to, are asked to bring a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church's Narthex. Your presence at this event is what matters most! Hot dogs, bottled water and canned pop will be provided.

Feel free to invite your family and friends! Family/Friends who are not members are our guests and need not bring a dish to pass! If you bring a non-member to the picnic then you can sign up separately each of your guests and yourself to be entered into a Bring-A-Friend raffle. The names on the winning ballot (the invitee and inviter) will both receive a Tim Horton's gift card. There will also be a door prize drawing involving all persons present for a \$25 Wegman's gift card. **The Bring-A-Friend raffle and door prize drawing will take place around 1:30pm and you must be present to win.**

The Park has a relatively new playground area in addition to tennis, volleyball and bocce ball courts, and a Veterans Memorial. There are restrooms at the back of the shelter. Games to be played. We hope you can make it! Questions? Then call Jeff (716) 383-2333 or Boyd (716) 799-2765. Thank you! We hope to see you there! Bacon's Membership and Evangelism Committee

*Thank you to Ron and Fran Clements  
for donating our Sunday bulletins!*

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**IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH**

**Opportunities at Bacon**

There will be someone in the office to answer calls

**Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Sun. Aug. 14, 2022**

Sunday Worship Service, Communion and Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Crochet, knitting group.....3:00 pm  
AA meeting..... 7:30 pm

**ATTENDANCE: July 31, 2022**

Weather – 77 degrees, partly cloudy  
Adults.....29  
Youth.....2  
Hand delivered.....2  
Mailed.....6  
e-mailed.....8  
Facebook.....84  
You tube.....0

We are committed to continuing our on-line worship on a weekly basis and we encourage you to continue to watch and share our message with your family and friends. Our on-line worship can be found on the **Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church You Tube channel**. You will find a link on our webpage at **[www.baconmemorial.org](http://www.baconmemorial.org)**. You can download a copy of the bulletin from our webpage so you can follow along with us! If you would like a printed copy of the sermon, you may download from the website or you may call the church at 716-283-5744 and we can send you a written copy of the sermon by e-mail/mail weekly. Thank you and may God lead us to find an end to this virus.

But if we walk in the light, as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7