~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE PIANO PRELUDE .......................................................... Jason Evans, pianist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) ......................................................... Jaxon Folds

  ONE: Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.
  ALL: God is at work in our lives. We present ourselves to God to discern what is the will of God.
  ONE: Be transformed by the renewing of your minds.
  ALL: We seek what is good and acceptable in God’s sight. Let us worship God!

THE OPENING PRAYER .................................................................................................................. Jaxon Folds

✦✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively) ............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

  ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
  ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors by putting your hand over your heart as a sign of love and friendship that highlights our unity as a church family.

THE PRESENTATION OF MONTREAT EXPERIENCES................................................................. OBPC Youth
~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 2: 11-15, 23-25 ................................. Jaylen Lindsay

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsfolk. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting; and he said to the one who was in the wrong, ‘Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?’ He answered, ‘Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?’ Then Moses was afraid and thought, ‘Surely the thing is known.’

When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian, and sat down by a well.

After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “10,000 Reasons” .......................................................... Matt Redman

~ We Respond to the Word ~


Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings.

But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “In the Presence of the Holy One” ............................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ The Musical Meditation ~

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

During this prayer, the pastor will invite anyone who would like to lift up any prayer requests to do so. You may pray out loud or pray silently for your own particular prayer concerns.
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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CLOSING SPOKEN BENEDICATION: ‘Blest Be the Tie that Binds’.......................... Fawcett

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

THE PIANO POSTLUDE................................................................. Jason Evans, pianist

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The flowers are placed in loving memory of Rebekah Cecille on her 4th birthday by her mom, Hollie, and her siblings, Elisabeth and Gideon.

~ Those Leading us in Worship ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore,
Pastor

Jason K. Evans,
Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Hollie Writtenberry,
Director of Youth, Children & Young Family Ministries

Don Younkin,
Audio & Visual Ministries
The **good news** is that the numbers of people that can meet indoors is slowly evolving.

The **bad news** is the confusion of changing plans. Due to technical problems in managing a concurrent in-person and Zoom group, here are the current PW meetings in September:

- Rev. Dr. Jody Moore will give the Bible Lesson in the sanctuary to the in-person group on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Mollie Bass will host the meeting.

- Maggie Snyder will invite the Zoom Group on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 pm. Bev Jones will host the meeting and lead the Lesson discussion.

- The Faith, Hope, and Love members are currently joining one of these groups, but they may decide to hold their own in-person group. For any questions or changes, ask Lisa.

There will be one Zoom meeting per month, moderated by Maggie Snyder. The date and time for this meeting will be announced later. There will be two in-person groups: one led by Lisa Rhodes at 5:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month and one led by Mollie Bass at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. The in-person groups will be held at the church in a space that allows for social distancing.

If you still need a book, the cost is $30. You may send checks to church made payable to “PWOBPC”. Please contact Bev, Lisa or Linda for books or questions. Thanks!

**Get the FLU SHOT not the flu!**

The “Shot Clinic” at the OBPC is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2020 hosted by Walgreens Pharmacy. If anyone else wants an appointment, call, text, or email Bev Jones at 252-423-9107 or beverlykoops@yahoo.com

Everyone who has signed up will get a reminder in late September.

The Congregational Meeting that was scheduled for September 20th has been **postponed**. The **meeting will now take place immediately following the October 11th worship service**. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee, including their recommendation of three individuals to serve on the Session's Class of 2023.

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**Worship Schedule**

- Sept. 20: Outdoor worship at 10:00 a.m. *(also available via live-stream)*

- Sept. 27: Live-stream only at 10:00 a.m.

**Message from the OBPC Ad Hoc Medical Team**

**Week 4 COVID-19 Question:** Why is one of the biggest rules in the COVID-19 pandemic to wear a mask, especially inside, and how should the mask fit?

**Answer:** We wear Masks to protect people we love and others in public places. Masks may also reduce the virus we catch from someone else’s sneeze, cough, or singing.

However, fitting a mask is not so easy, since we all have different size and shaped heads. The cloth or elastic ties need to fit the mask snugly over the nose, along the sides, and under the chin. If your glasses fog, it’s not tight enough. Your nose and mouth should never be exposed!

Some people can’t breathe well or feel short of breath with a tight-fitting mask. Then, the safe choice is to let others go to the grocery store, pharmacy, or social gatherings, such as worship.

Since we can’t eat or drink with masks fitting properly, risk of spreading the virus is greatest with our loved ones at home, and friends at restaurants or gatherings with food and drinks.