

**Greenhills Community  
Church, Presbyterian**  
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15th Sunday After Pentecost  
**September 18, 2022, 10:00 am**

Guest Speaker  
Beth Doebereiner, REPI

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[\* At this sign, please rise in body or in spirit; **bold text** indicates congregation's responses.]

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist: Phil Haisley

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 84:1-2,5,10-11

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;**

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord bestows favor and honor;

**No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

St. Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

**Where there is injury, pardon.**

**Where there is doubt, faith.**

**Where there is despair, hope.**

**Where there is darkness, light.**

**And where there is sadness, joy.**

**...For it is in giving that we receive. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

**Call to Reconciliation**

from Micah 6:6,8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Let us confess all that separates us from God and all creation.

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, you call us to follow your path, yet in our arrogance we strike out in our own direction.

You call us to be your light in the world, yet we hide your light.

You call us to share your gifts, yet we ignore your gifts to pursue our own desires.

You call us to serve your people in need, yet we turn our backs.

You call us to love You with our whole heart, mind and strength, yet we seek You only on Sunday mornings.

You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we pile coals on their heads.

Cleanse us from our sins, create in us clean hearts, sustain us with your Holy Spirit that we may delight in your will, live in your light and walk your path.

(Silence is observed.)

## Assurance of Pardon

The Mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

## \*Response #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

## The Peace

May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, be with you.

**And also, with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

NRSV OT, p. 10

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Musical Offering

## Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:8-17

NRSV NT, p. 234

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

How Hard a Path

Beth Doebereiner, REPI

## \*Hymn #69

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

## We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

## Invitation

With joyful hearts, let us present to God the gifts of our lives and labor.

## Offertory

**\*Doxology #607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use the offerings of our lives and labors for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Amen.**

**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.**

**\*Hymn #543 God,**

Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

**\*Charge**

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**\*Benediction**

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Postlude**

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

**Participants:**

Guest Speaker: Beth Doebereiner, REPI

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Sound: Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

Zoom Hosts: Vince Greene, Jim Hadley

Liturgist: Phil Haisley

Ushers: Chris Newcomer, Donna Hadley

Greeters: Jane Steinway

Counters: Phil Haisley, Al Hamilton

From Beth Doebereiner

As a member of Montgomery Presbyterian Church, I serve as treasurer and just completed 6 years on Session. As a graduate of the Ruling Elder Preaching Institute of the Presbytery, an experience I highly recommend, I was prepared to preach monthly during 2020 when MPC was without a Pastor. I volunteer at Operation GiveBack, an organization that provides tutoring to children from 1st grade through 8th grade, has a food pantry, provides backpacks and school supplies and provides Christmas to over 500 children, and hosts a Whiz Kids site for reading tutoring. I am the Spiritual Leader for the Whiz Kids – providing some of the children with the only exposure they have to God and Jesus. My favorite time is my weekly meeting with 3 church friends where we practice listening to God and one another, study books on faith and practice contemplative prayer. My husband Mike, our dog Bailey and I make frequent trips to the beach in Hilton Head to visit my sister – I count that as a blessing! Thanks for inviting me to share this time with you today.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

### **TODAY**

– Fellowship time downstairs after the service.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, September 19**

--AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209

#### **Tuesday, September 20**

--Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Room 210

--Square Dance Class, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

--Session Meeting, 7:00 pm., Room 209

#### **Wednesday, September 21**

--Tai Chi, 10:30-11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

--Square Dancing, 1:00, Fellowship Hall

--Support group, 6:30-7:30, Room 204 (contact Dr. Stephen Benoit for info: call at 513-909-4242 or message at [Stephencbenoit@outlook.com](mailto:Stephencbenoit@outlook.com))

--AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209

--Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m., Room 210

--Square Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### **Friday, September 23**

--AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209

#### **Saturday, September 24**

--Pro Bono Counseling, 11:00 – 1:00, Room 204 (see contact info above)