## GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

### "Go Make a Difference"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE

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# Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

"A family of faith in Jesus Christ, yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

> June 16, 2024 10:00 AM



# **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**OPENING MUSIC #2172** "We Are Called" (verse 1, refrain, refrain, <u>Sing the Faith Hymnal</u>)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In a world of pain and trouble, we need a place to heal. Here and now, we have come into the presence of God our healer.

#### God is our rock and our refuge.

We seek deliverance from the evils of sickness, and disease, from loneliness and alienation, from resentments and hostility.

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Let the old and the aging, the young and the innocent, the confused and the lost, turn to the Lord in hope.

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#### **To Our Visitors**

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our new nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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*"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* (verses 1, 2, & 5, <u>The Presbyterian Hymnal</u>)

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Life giving God, we are filled with fear and doubt. We worry that we do not have enough. We are overwhelmed by the world's problems. We see danger everywhere. We are blind to your work. Give us trusting hearts. Show us life's possibilities. Heal the world's brokenness. Use us as agents of change. Remove our doubt and fear, and teach us to live in you. Forgive us and hear our silent prayers . . . (*Please take a moment for silent confession.*)

### **RESPONSE HYMN #2200** "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, hear the good news: By God's grace we are forgiven.

We will live as a forgiven people from this day forward. Alleluia! Amen.

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE** "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

# THE WORD PROCLAIMED

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Speak O Lord"

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 113 (<u>Psalms Now</u>)

**RESPONSE HYMN #316** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (verse 1 only, <u>The Presbyterian Hymnal</u>)

# NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 10:38-42 (<u>Pew Bible</u>, p. 72)

SERMON

"Breaking Boundaries"

Valerie Hicks

### THE PEOPLE RESPOND

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Declaration of Faith** 

In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now He is Lord.

### GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR FATHER'S DAY OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology (sung)

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

#### Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. In Christ's name.

HYMN #229"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"<br/>(verses 1 & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Contemporary English Version** 

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. For You are the sovereign, the power and the glory forever. Amen.