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Made for This
Maker Fun Factory, VBS Kids

JAY STOCKER

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Bob Fiedler

Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

Morning by morning new signs of blessings:

A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

A new insight, a sense of peace.

All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

How can we not sing God's praise? Let us praise the Lord together!

✠ HYMN No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) We pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of the gospel!

And it is for you and for all.

Whatever you have done,

Whatever you have failed to do,

Whoever you are,

Whoever you wish you were but are not:

You are accepted, you are welcomed.

You are washed clean, you are raised up.

You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 10, v. 4

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing Glory to the Name of God

May God forever be our peace;

may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come;

sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God Is For Me

Jay Stocker

Maker Fun Factory

(Please join the VBS kids and crew leaders by Passing the Peace as they have done all week in Vacation Bible School. Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace and children may come forward for a time of sharing faith together.)

HEARING THE WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

(Children 1st grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs to God's Garden or the nursery for nurture and care.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

Please see Hymn No. 380

SERENITY PRAYER

written by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)
Original, unabridged version

God, give us grace to accept with serenity

the things that cannot be changed,

Courage to change the things

which should be changed,

and the wisdom to distinguish

the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,

Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,

Taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,

not as I would have it.

Trusting that You will make all things right,

If I surrender to Your will,

so that I may be reasonably happy in this life,

and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:28-39

SERMON

“The Serenity Prayer and Our Everyday Lives” Reverend Bob Fiedler

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Serenity Prayer
Summer Choir

MARK HAYES

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.
Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

† DOXOLOGY No. 9, v. 1

The Play of the Godhead

alternate tune: ST. DENIO

**The play of the Godhead, the Trinity’s dance,
embraces the earth in a sacred romance:
with God the Creator, and Christ the true Son,
entwined with the Spirit, the great Three-in-One.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 741

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Growing in faith and understanding
Welcoming all
Extending comfort and grace
Working for justice and peace
Nurturing creation*

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 11, 2017

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love.” Reinhold Niebuhr

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*The Prayers of the People are written by the congregation and read aloud as our corporate prayer.
If you want to take part, write a one sentence prayer on the cards provided.
No signatures, please. The cards will be collected during the second hymn.
Together we pray whatever is on our hearts.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Dusty Fiedler

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you. ... (All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews. If you are a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 11, 2017

Welcome to all who gather for worship today. May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love, and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.**

We are grateful for our guest preacher, Bob Fiedler and for Dusty Fiedler, who is our liturgist today. Bob and Dusty Fielder are former co-pastors of Covenant Presbyterian in Roanoke and Honorable Retired members of PEAKS Presbytery. This is their last Sunday at BPC. **We are also grateful for Kendra Crabtree and all her gifts she shares with our congregation!**

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS in worship today are given to the glory of God.

Scripture for Next Sunday, June 18: Genesis 18:1-5, 21:1-7; Romans 5:1-8

Art Forum today "Photographic Views: Light and Gold- Hans Stahl, and Humanity of the Moment- Davis Mesmer" will be held in Westminster Hall following worship. We hope you can attend!

Elva Miller's talk on her experience at Menaul School in New Mexico has been rescheduled for a later date. Stay tuned for more information!

The B & B group (Bible and Breakfast)

 The Summer Tuesday morning Bible Study Group will have summer school / breakfast meetings at **Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd, on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** We will be drinking coffee, eating breakfast, sharing life stories, and discussing our thoughts on the Bible texts as listed in the lectionary. We are quite informal and would love you to join us. For more information contact: Scott or Melanie Smith at Scott- 808-3779/ scottsmith4u@gmail.com; Melanie- 808-8337/ melscofam@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed!

Ushers and Coffee Hosts

Summertime is difficult to get volunteers to help during worship. **Coffee Hosts:** If you can help make coffee on Sunday mornings (Coffee Fellowship is from 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings) please contact Peggy Kincaid at fellowship@blacksburgpres.org or (540) 808-6154.

Ushers are also needed every Sunday. Four people are required to make this opportunity to serve go smoothly. It is a great way for your family to be a part of worship at BPC! Single folks too! Contact Rob Kincaid at rbk0831@gmail.com or the church office at 552-2504.

Please do your part by being involved at church. It's who we are!

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener:

Mike Giles

Elder of the Week:

Today: Susan Bailey **Mon-Sunday:** Melanie Smith

Ushers:

Marcia Wright, Heidi /Zach Swartzwelder and Tom and Judy Pospichal

Counters:

Bob Hendricks and Paula Stith

Coffee Hosts:

Scott and Melanie Smith

Next Week: Volunteer needed-
Please see Peggy Kincaid if you can help!

THIS WEEK AT BPC - HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, WM-Westminster, FH-Fellowship Hall

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| June 11 | Summer Choir practice at 9:45 a.m. – Choir Room
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Bob Fiedler preaching |
| June 12 | Staff meets at 1:30 p.m.
Faith Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. at Julie Burger's home-911 Draper Road SW |
| June 13 | Bible & Breakfast Group (Summer Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study)
at 7:30 a.m. – at Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd.- All are welcome!
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!
Peace, Justice, Global Mission meets at 11:00 a.m. - WM |
| June 14 | Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. |
| June 15 | Deadline to submit items for July newsletter to sherry@blacksburgpres.org |
| June 18 | Happy Father's Day!
Summer Choir practice at 9:45 a.m. – Choir Room
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Jeffrey Anthony-Special Music/ preaching
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| June 23 | Faith on Tap- Location to be determined |
| June 25 | Reverend Carl Utley preaching at BPC |
| June 26 | KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM |
| June 28 | Caring for the Community |
| July 2 | Worship with Communion- Emily Rhodes Hunter- Preaching at BPC
Fair Trade Items available following worship |
| July 4 | Church Office Closed for July 4 th Holiday |



We can't do it without you!

2017 CELEBRATION FLOWER RESERVATION

Celebration flowers glorify God, and add beauty and a sense of hospitality to our worship services. Flowers often are given in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special event in our lives. If you would like to sponsor the celebration flowers for any of the following dates in 2017, please complete this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Options for sponsoring the Celebration Flowers:

- 1.) **Best Wishes** will bill you directly for your arrangements, which will cost \$50. (Special floral requests may incur an additional charge.)
- 2.) **Or you may wish to have the flower committee** make an arrangement for you for the same price.
- 3.) **Another alternative, you may sponsor the use of BPC's peace lilies** in worship and donate the cost of an arrangement to a church program or charity of your choice.

Choice of dates: First : _____

Second: _____ Third: _____

(Please indicate optional choices
in case your first choice is no longer available.)

Sponsor's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address to be billed by florist: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Flower/color preferences: _____

(If no preference is specified, the florist will select flowers/colors from the best available.)

TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN: "Flowers given by _____

_____ in loving memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ other _____

After church (please check one:

_____ Sponsor will take arrangement(s) home ___ Deliver to shut-in(s)names) _____

July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2	6				
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16			15		
	27			26	
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And we know that
in all things
 God works for the
 good of those who
love Him,
 who have been called
according to His
purpose.

Romans 8:28