

Satisfy My Soul

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 55)

One: Listen to your thirst, my sisters and brothers!
God is calling us today.

*All: In a parched place, and in a barren desert,
we long to see the face of God.*

One: Come to fresh, clear waters and crystal streams.
Buy wine for free, and milk that has no price tag.

*All: Why do we labor for that which isn't bread,
and work like dogs
for things that can never satisfy the soul?*

One: God says, "Search for me while there is still a
window of hope. Call on me while there is time."

*All: Let us call on the One who can satisfy the soul.
Let us sing for joy to the Lord of Life, and praise
the One who sends rain in the wilderness!*

Offertory Thought

Consider the beauty of the frost on the fields and the intricate patterns in snow and ice. Who is like the One we worship? Is anything too good for our God? Come before the Creator with an offering. Come. Bring a gift that is worthy of his name.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us give with a sweet spirit of gratitude and grace. Like rain and snow, may our gifts bear fruit in the kingdom of God and inspire others to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn

All beautiful the march of days

No. 159, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

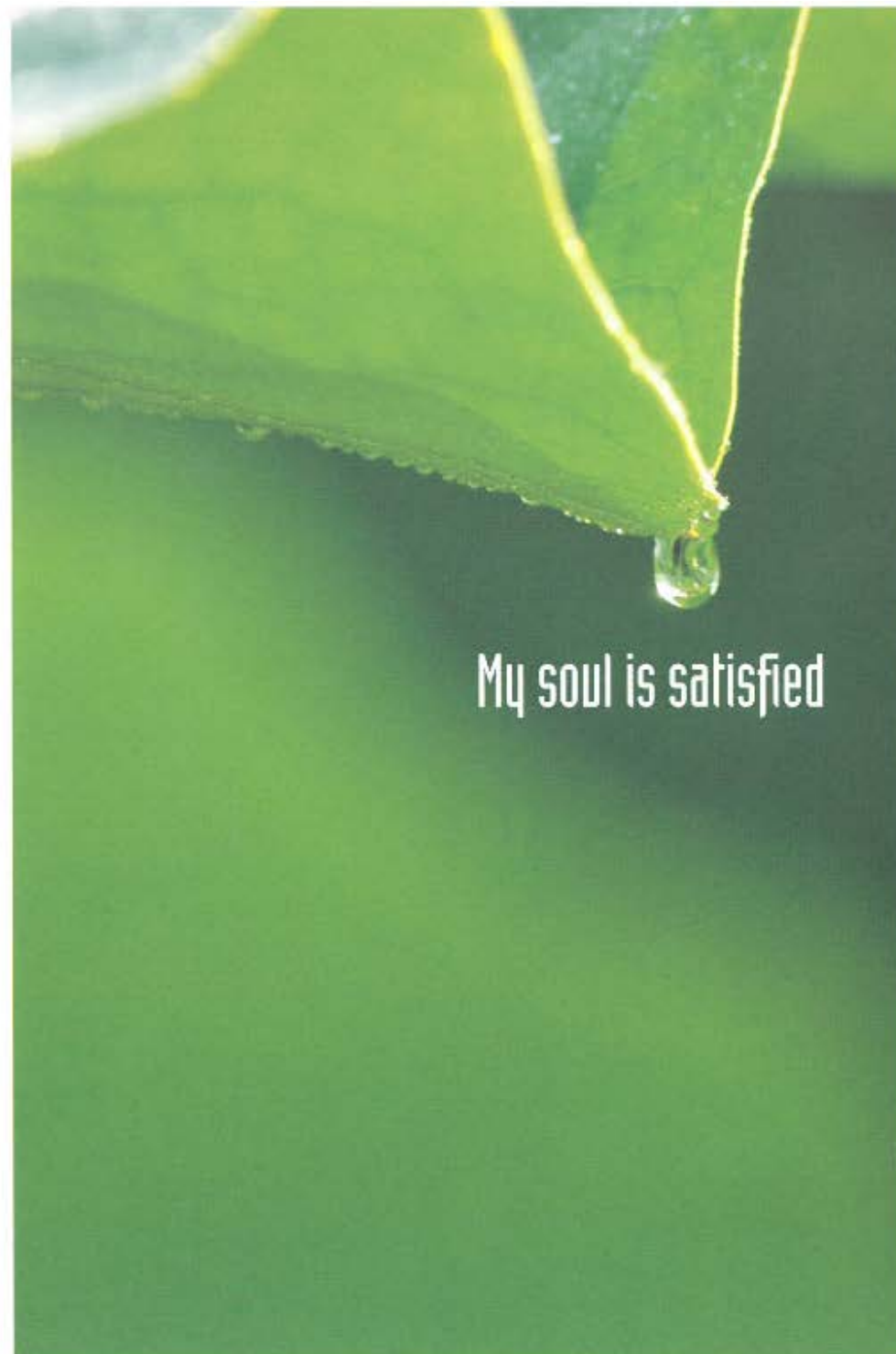
—Paula Bowser
Englewood, Ohio

Text for today: *"My soul is satisfied* as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me" (Psalm 63:5-8, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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My soul is satisfied

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship February 28, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDES (11:00) from Eleven Chorale Preludes *Johannes Brahms*
9 My heart is ever yearning
10 My heart is ever yearning
11 O world I now must leave thee

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Back of Bulletin

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshiping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

***HYMN # 419** *Lead on, O cloud of Presence* LANCASHIRE

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Dianne Murray
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 63:1-8 *NRSV*

OFFERING
Invitation
Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child *Marianne Kim*

Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:1-9 *NRSV*

***HYMN # 521** *Come, thou fount* NETTLETON

SERMON "Wait and See" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

***HYMN # 145** *There's a wideness in God's mercy* WELLESLEY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Corporate Confession (Unison)

O God, you are our God, and we seek you. We thirst and long for you as if we are in a dry and weary land. We urgently want questions answered and problem resolved. We confess our impatience and our desire for quick fixes. We speak about your mercy, and yet we are more than ready to swing the axe toward our foes. Forgive us for our haste. Forgive us for acting on our selfish desires and not those ways firmly rooted in your mercy. Forgive us for cutting down when you call us to bear fruit. In our thirst, we seek you and your quenching love. Hear our prayers...

Silence for Personal Confession and Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

concluding with The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

ANTHEM (11:00)

What Wondrous Love Is This *arr. Peter Pindar Stearns*

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN** *Hymnal #382*

POSTLUDE (11:00)

Douglas E. Wagner
Recessional on: "To God Be the Glory"

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

February 28-March 5, 2016 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	9 a.m.	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
Mon.	7:00	Plan of Organization Committee	Lounge
Tues.	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	12:05	Lenten Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Emily Peck-McClain)	Otterbein UMC
	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal	Social Hall
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	YORFF Rehearsal	Room # 35
	6:30	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	7:00	Christian Education Commission	Library
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Ministerial Services Commission	Altruistic Class
	7:00	Mission & Service Commission	Lounge
	7:00	Properties Commission	Sojourners Room
	7:00	Stewardship Commission	Seekers Room
	7:00	Witness & Renewal Commission	Agape Room
	7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room
Thurs.	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY– March 6, 2016 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: "Lost & Found and Never Missing"

Scripture Readings: Psalm 32 & Luke 16:1-3, 11b-32

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Puppets Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Agape Room

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Noon – Social Hall

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Greeter (8:30) – Palmer Lee Berry

Song Leader (8:30) – Curtis Nolley

Fellowship Host – Donnie Fulk

Greeters (11:00) – Brad & Paula Neher

Head Usher (11:00) – Devin Bowman

Sound/Light (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff & Skip Eger

Decorator – Heather Kiracofe

Deacon Caregiver – Alice Lee Hopkins

Van Driver – Fred Zimmerman

Worship Leader – Linda Clague

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: American folk hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION EVENT

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg. Light refreshments will be served and nursery workers will be available. Attendees will view and discuss the film by Michael Rossaato-Bennett, "Alive Inside." This documentary explores the impact of music on patients suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

BOOK OF DAVID METZLER PRAYERS AVAILABLE

There are a limited number of copies of the book of prayers by David G. Metzler available to members and friends of BWCOB. To request a copy, please call Doris Metzler at 540-828-2126.

ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 2/21/16

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 21 11:00 – 288 Sunday School: 154

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$6,540.75
Loose Offering	310.25
Church User Fees	250.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	29.00
Altruistic Class	109.80
Wednesday Night Meals	110.00
Backpack Program	100.00
Wanda Bowman Memorial Fund	25.00
Jan Matteson Memorial Fund	150.00
Wendell Smith Memorial Fund	100.00
Phyllis Miller Memorial Fund	50.00
Bill Johnson Memorial Fund	75.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller