

*Order of Worship*

*September 20, 2020*

PREPARE YOUR HEART

*Silent* Prayer and Meditation

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

COME TO GOD

§♦Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalms 116:1-7

§Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

New Testament Reading: Luke 14:1-35

§♦Orthodox Catechism: Question 135

Silent Prayer – Organ Interlude

Pastoral Prayer

HEAR HIS WORD

♦Scripture Lesson: Joel 2:18-27

Sermon: "A Restoration of Years"

RESPOND TO HIM

§Hymn of Response: #366

SAGINA

"And Can It Be"

DEPART IN PEACE

§Benediction and Congregational Response

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*May the Grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. Thus may we abide in union With each other and the Lord, And possess in sweet communion Joys which earth cannot afford.*

Organ Postlude

§ Note to stand (if able) ♦ Words are on the Bulletin Inserts.

**Today**

**9:45 am Adult Sunday School with Bob**

**11:00 am Church Hour**

**Prayer Concerns**

Jan Kliewer, Moses Agapito, Maryanne Samples, Don Abbey, Wanda Carl, Janet Blakeney, Isabella Ferenczi, Demos Ford, Romaine Groves, Melissa Church, Doris Willett, Ronald Beere, Shirley Ludy, Nancy Devine, Joan Wittman, Dan Fassett, Bandera Family Christmas, Free Clothes and More, and COVID-19.

**Breadbox Offering:**

September's breadbox offering goes to Bandera Family Christmas, a local organization staffed by volunteers and funded through donations that provides around 3000 free Christmas dinners to the community. They deliver to shut-ins and have various areas around the Triple Cities and Norwich at which meals are served. Donations should be made out to the church with a notation for Bandera Family Christmas.

## Announcement

With the new school year under way, the church office will be open during:

Tuesdays 8am-10am, 11:30am-4:30pm

Thursdays 2pm-5pm

Fridays 11am-2pm

Nursery Leaders Today: Scott Farr and Tom Reed

Nursery Leaders Next Week: Tammy Giovinazzo and Priscilla Pease

## Main Street Baptist Church

117 Main Street

Binghamton, NY 13905

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*"You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame."*

*Joel 2:27 (ESV)*

## New Testament Reading

### Luke 14:1-35

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

<sup>15</sup>When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" <sup>16</sup>But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup>And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' <sup>19</sup>And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go

## Scripture Lesson

### Joel 2:18-32

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

<sup>20</sup>"I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things.

<sup>21</sup>"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

<sup>22</sup>Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

<sup>23</sup>"Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup>"The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup>I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

<sup>26</sup>"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.  
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## **Psalms 116:1-7 Responsive Reading**

Pastoral Reading, **Congregational Response**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord,  
**because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
**therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid  
hold on me;

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
**our God is merciful.**

<sup>6</sup> The Lord preserves the simple;  
**when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

1 And can it be that I should gain an in-terest  
 2 He left his Fa-ther's throne a-bove, so free, so  
 3 Long my im-pris-oned spir-it lay fast bound in  
 4 No con-dem-na-tion now I dread: Je-sus, and

in the Sav-ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 in-fi-nite his grace! Emp-tied him-self of all but  
 sin and na-ture's night. Thine eye dif-fused a quick-ening  
 all in him, is mine! A-live in him, my liv-ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur-sued?  
 love, and I, who for A-dam's help-less race! light!  
 ray: I woke—dun-geon flames with di-vine,  
 Head, and clothed in right-ness

A-maz-ing love! how can it be that  
 'Tis mer-cy all, im-mense and for,  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free, I and  
 bold I ap-proach the e-ter-nal throne,

thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 O my God, it found out me. A-maz-ing A-  
 rose, went forth, and fol-lowed thee. own.  
 claim the crown, through Christ

love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 maz-ing love! how can it be that thou, my

## Orthodox Catechism

### Question 135: Why do Christians need to pray?

**Answer:** Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. (a) And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them. (b)

(a) Ps. 50:14-15; 116:12-19; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

(b) Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-13

to examine them. Please have me excused.’ <sup>20</sup> And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ <sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”