

**A Spiritual Morning**



**Sunday, May 18**

**9:30**

**Buffalo Presbyterian Church**

**BPC CHOIR**

**BASS AND DRUMS**

**SOON AND VERY SOON**

**RIVER IN JUDEA**

**KEEP YOUR LAMPS!**

**May 18, 2025**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Choral Cantata**

**Leading Worship Today:**

**Narrators:** Kathy Quady & Larry Janski

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

**BPC Choir:** Directed by Mike Agre

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*  
*All are invited to stand when there is an \**

**Larger Print Hymns:** Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

**Children's Bulletins:** Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

**PRELUDE**

**Spiritual Medley**

*arr. Agre*

Organ: Ralph Johansen

Piano: Mike Agre

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Almighty God, bless your people. Give us your peace, your help, and your love, for we are the sheep of your pasture. Let us be united in your peace—one in the Body, one in the Spirit, and one in the hope of your calling, all through the gift of your endless grace.*

*-Based on the Liturgy of St. Mark*

**GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 27

God is my light and my salvation;

**whom then shall I fear?**

God is the strength of my life;

**of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek;

**that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**#352 My Lord! What a Morning**

Psalm 86

**Lord, Listen to Your Children**

*Medema arr. Schrader*

Revelation 22

**River in Judea**

*arr. Leavitt*

Romans 10  
**Here's One**

*arr. Hayes*  
Soprano Sax: Ashton Olsen

Revelation 21  
**Soon and Very Soon**

*Crouch setting by Schrader*

Matthew 25  
**Keep Your Lamps!**

*arr. Thomas*

Psalms 19; Revelation 5  
**Over My Head**

*arr. Podd*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### OFFERTORY

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those  
who have been delivered from death to life".  
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### **#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

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.

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Bless us, O God, and these our offerings, that they and we might serve your purposes and work  
towards your Kingdom till you bring it in fullness. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dear God, I thank you for this beautiful morning filled with the promise of a new day. We come to  
you in humility and obedience, knowing that in keeping your commandments, we are truly in  
fellowship with you. Grant us the courage to walk in faith today, even when we may be faced with  
trials and challenges. Help us to always remember your Word and apply it to our lives.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray that you would fill us with spiritual strength to withstand the enemy's attacks. Help us  
to discern truth from lies and to stand firm in our beliefs. May our hearts be filled with compassion  
and love toward others, just as you have showered your love upon us.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wisdom to make the right choices and to live a life that pleases you. We pray that you will continue to guide and lead us in the path that you have set for us.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those in our midst and in our lives who are experiencing challenges and grief. We especially pray for....

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for accepting us as we are, for always nudging us to be all that you have created us to be. As we spend more time with you, may our love for you grow exponentially! It's in your name that we pray. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

#### SENDING

#### CLOSING HYMN

**#700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

In the busyness of life  
may you find space.  
In the worries of life  
may you find peace.  
In the beauty of life  
may you find joy.  
In the sorrows of life  
may you find comfort,  
faith be strengthened  
and your day be blessed.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

***Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus***

***SPECIAL THANKS TO:***  
Mike Agre, Choir Director  
The BPC Choir  
Ralph Johansen, Accompanist  
Narrators: Kathy Quady & Larry Janski  
Instrumentalists:

Dawn Agre, Bass Keyboard

Eric Frommelt, Percussion

**WORSHIP NOTES**

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian's Sabbatical:** Brian will be on Sabbatical from April 29th through July 28th. The Deacon of the Week is Barb Janski and the Elder of the Week is Larry Janski. (May 19- May 25)

**CCC: Wrapped in Love:** Join us for our final Classes, Coffee, and Conversations today which will focus on one of our mission partners, Wrapped in Love. CCC will resume in September.

**SPOT: Lectio Divina:** Join us for SPOT on **May 19 at 7 pm** where we will learn about the practice of “divine reading”, Lectio Divina. This SPOT will be offered both in person and via Zoom. This is a practice that can deepen your relationship with God and help you hear his voice in your daily life.

**UPCOMING THIS WEEK**

<b>Today May 18th</b>	8:30am: 150th Planning Meeting 9:30am: Worship: Choral Cantata 10:30am: CCC: Wrapped in Love Led By Kelly Bares
<b>Monday May 19th</b>	4:00pm: Deacons Meeting 7:00pm: SPOT: Lectio Divina
<b>Tuesday May 20th</b>	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe 6:30pm: Session
<b>Thursday May 22nd</b>	7:30am: People of Faith 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00pm: Communications Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday May 25th</b>	9:30am: Worship

# How can we pray for you?



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

## BPC PRAYER LIST:

- Larry Pattee
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law

- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins

For peace in Ukraine and Russia,  
Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and  
for the congregations of our presbytery.

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## 352 My Lord! What a Morning

*Refrain*

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

*Fine*  
fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet  
2 You will hear the sin - ner  
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound  
cry,  
shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

*to Refrain*  
look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29–30/Mark 13:24–26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.