

## “The Grandest Invitation”

Come, thirsty soul, to waters clear,  
Come empty-handed, draw thou near;  
No gold is asked, no price to pay,  
Grace spreads her feast along the way.

Why spend thy strength on fading bread,  
On dreams that leave the spirit dead?  
Hear now the Voice with mercy near,  
Eat what is good, and come without fear.

Seek ye the Lord while He is near,  
Turn from the path of guilt and fear;  
His mercy flows, His pardon free,  
A covenant of eternity.

His thoughts ascend beyond our sight,  
His ways are clothed in heaven’s light;  
As rain descends and wakes the sod,  
So shall not fail the Word of God.

Then joy shall lead the ransomed feet,  
And hills shall sing, and trees shall greet;  
Where thorns once grew, new myrtles rise—  
The grandest call beneath the skies.



## *Welcome to the North Benton Presbyterian Church*

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*“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone  
and Jesus Christ is Lord!”*



***This Week***

***Caring, Sharing, Praying***

Sun  
7/12 9:30 Worship Service  
(Youth Sunday School  
after children's message)  
10:45 Searcher's Class

Sun  
7/19 **Guest Speaker:**  
**Gary Diehl**  
9:30 Worship Service  
(Youth Sunday School  
after children's message)  
10:45 Searcher's Class

**Nursing Home:**  
Dan Rowe  
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460  
(Rm.#201)

**Continued Prayer for:**  
Denton Herron,  
James Hilles,  
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,  
Emily Winters,  
Maeo Bates,  
Carol Schiffler,  
Chris & Alicia Gamble  
Irene Shields

***Contact the office to add or  
remove a name***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor: Friends, the Lord calls to all who are thirsty: "Come to the waters." God invites us to seek the Lord while he may be found, to call upon Him while He is near, and to return from our own ways and thoughts to the mercy of God. Trusting that our God abundantly pardons, let us confess our sin silently to our God.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Hear the good news from the prophet Isaiah: "Let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." In Jesus Christ, God's mercy is near, God's pardon is abundant, and God's promise does not return empty. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: We rejoice in such great news! Let us live as forgiven people! Amen!**

**+GLORIA PATRI**

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE**

**"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." -First Peter 4: 10**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER**

Deacon Greeters -----	Cindy Ruffier
-----	Jodi Weibush
Keyboard -----	Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs -----	Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----	Josiah Gaines
Acolyte-----	Addie Pierce

+Hymn #417      “Just as I Am Without One Plea”

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Gracious God, Whose word goes out and does not return empty, open our hearts to receive Your invitation to abundant life. As we hear the words of Isaiah, awaken our thirst for Your mercy, deepen our trust in Your ways, and let Your Spirit water the dry places within us. May Your word accomplish in us what You desire, bearing fruit in faith, hope, and obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE      “Isaiah 55: 1-13”**

**SERMON      “The Grandest Invitation”**

+HYMN #404 (verses 1-3)  
    **“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”**

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #404 (verse 4)  
    **“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”**

## POSTLUDE

## NEXT WEEK’S SERMON:

**Next week’s sermon will be by Gary Diehl**

## Praise Songs

### “The Joy of the Lord”

The joy of the Lord is my strength,  
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He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more,  
He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more,  
He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more,

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

He gives me living water and I thirst no more,  
He gives me living water and I thirst no more,  
He gives me living water and I thirst no more,  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

### “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In Your church, Lord, be today.

