

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Poppies" by Georgia O'Keeffe

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship adapted from Rev. David Hansen Brian Hiller-Dupont

Leader: On that first Pentecost, the Spirit transformed lives and changed the world. As we gather, we pray for that same Spirit to be poured out on us.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The Holy Spirit is a fire, consuming our selfishness, our hatred, and our indifference – filling our lives with new life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The Spirit never leaves us where we are – we are sent out into the world to be the salt of the earth, show love to all people, and bring joy to the world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Hymn

Spirit

1 You moved on the waters
You called to the deep
Then You coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep
And over the eons
You called to each thing
Wake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings

4 You call from tomorrow
You break ancient schemes
From the bondage of sorrow
The captives dream dreams
Our women see visions
Our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions
Your people arise

History Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Carol Howard Merritt

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

Sermon*“Going Out”*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Hymn*Open My Eyes That I May See*

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. (Refrain)

Recognition of the Graduates

Lord's Prayer

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.

(Many people say the Lord's Prayer with "trespasses" or "sins" instead of "debts." Please feel free to pray in any form that makes you feel the most comfortable.)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Announcements

To sign up for our weekly E-NEWS that has live links to all of our announcements, please go to the BPC website at **bedfordpreschurch.org** and select either '**Contact**' at the top *or* **E-NEWS** just below it.



WE WILL RETURN TO THE
SANCTUARY ON
JUNE 6TH!

Congratulations to our Graduates – Class of 2021



Ben Aybar - University of Chicago
Connor Brodbeck - Indiana University
Julian Carnevale - University at Buffalo
Tate Cunningham - The Institute at
Maplebrook
James DiBiasi - Villanova University
Patrick Eames - Ithaca College

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Breakfast/
Brunch for
Champions

IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES
AND OUR RETURN TO CHURCH!

FOOD & DRINK PROVIDED
BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET)



**Flowers for our May 23rd
worship service
are sponsored by**

Kathy DiBiasi

*In Celebration of our
High School Graduates*



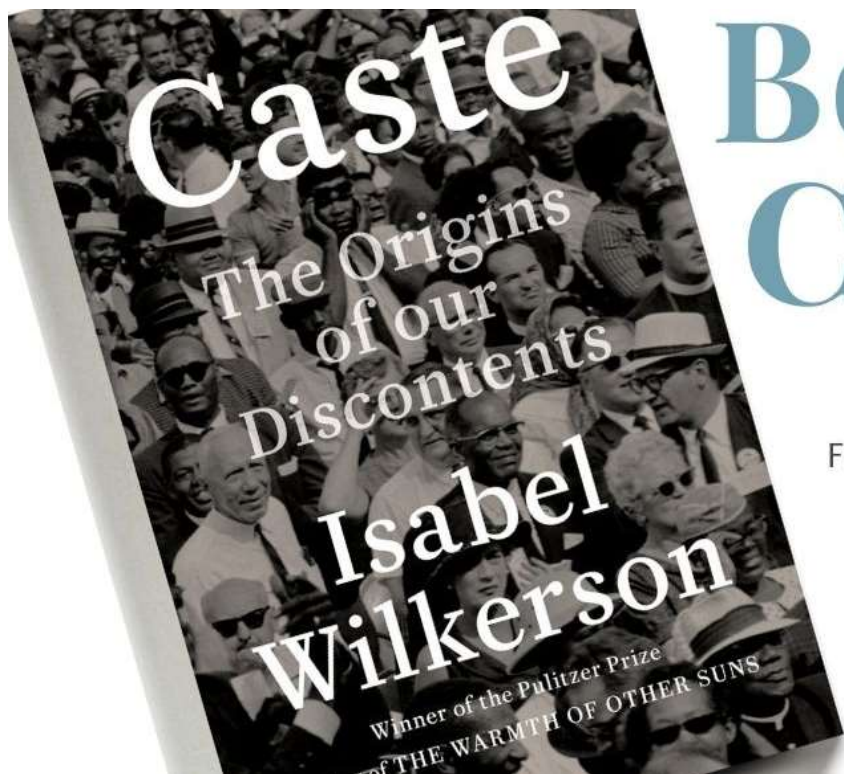
We are bringing coffee back to our regular weekly services. We need volunteers to sign up to provide coffee for each week.

Edwin can make the coffee. There will be cups and sugar but you would be responsible for providing milk/cream, and for bringing the coffee to the tent.

Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, please contact Blakely Brodbeck ~ blakelybrodbeck@gmail.com or you can sign up by accessing the link on our website.



Our next Communion will be offered on Sunday, June 6th



Book Club

Join us on Zoom
First and Third Mondays
at 7:00 p.m.



Please access the link on our website



On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, join Reverend Carol for a socially distanced lunch under the tent. Just bring your lunch and a chair. Start time is 12:30 pm and there is no sign up needed. Tell your friends! **The next lunch is May 25th.**



Now that we are worshiping outside, we have volunteer opportunities.

Worship Assistant. We need someone who would be able to help Carol set up the worship space. The job would include making sure that candles are lit, the table is set, the kids' table is prepared, and the offering basket is out.

Sound Manager to fill in when David Burpee isn't available.

Please contact the BPC church office for more information.



The Community Center of Northern Westchester currently supports 528 babies and toddlers. A problem, known as the diaper gap, impacts 1 in 3 low income families. This year the center needs diapers (sizes 4,5,6), baby wipes, and baby shampoo. They are accepting donations at the center and would greatly appreciate your help.

84 Bedford Rd, Katonah, NY 10536 ~ 914-232-6572

In addition, there is a low income family in need of both a single and double stroller. Please contact the church office at 914-234-3672 if you have one to donate.

#BEDFORDPRIDE

Rainbow

PRIDE

Flag raising
ceremony

June 5th

12:00-12:30 at Bedford Town Hall

12:30-4:30 #ChalkTheWalkRainbow at each hamlet.

Please come support Pride Day by spreading rainbows and rainbow colors in chalk around the Town of Bedford.

Katonah • Bedford Village • Bedford Hills

We are still wearing masks to public events!



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Our BPC youth will be organizing the #ChalktheWalk on the sidewalk in front of the church between 12:00 - 1:30.



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JUNE TEENTH

FREEDOM DAY

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ENDING OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES

Learn about the history of Juneteenth and Bedford's Black History
from members of our community.

Enjoy Live Performances by:
Asase Yaa African American Dance Theater
Live Jazz by Shirazette & Sonic WallPaper Band

JUNE 19TH, 2021
2 - 4PM

BEDFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL PARK
GREENWICH RD
BEDFORD, NY 10506

This event is sponsored by the Town of Bedford and Idea Committee of Bedford NY | #BedfordJuneteenth



Interested in helping with worship technology? During these unusual times we have learned that our ability to stream worship services to the internet is a vital way to keep our congregation connected. Now that we are worshipping outside, and will someday return to the sanctuary, we know that streaming worship will continue to be as important as ever.

As we continue this each week we are going to need individuals willing to be trained to perform this vital function. No experience or equipment is needed; all is provided. If interested contact Jim Fenimore jim@bedfordpreschurch.org for more info.



Flowers bring beauty to our Sunday morning service and can be a memorable way to celebrate a special day or a special person in your life. Donating flowers couldn't be easier! Simply contribute \$50.00 to the church flower fund and create your own dedication line to run in the Sunday bulletin. Then, after worship, you or the person you're celebrating can take the flowers home! If you are interested, please use the SignUpGenius link below to:

- Sign up
- Submit your dedication
- Use the dedicated link to make your secure online donation of \$50.00

Please use the following link or access it on our website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4daaab2ea5fa7-flower>

Please sign up no later than one week prior to the Sunday you want to sponsor flowers to ensure that your dedication gets placed in the bulletin.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Friday May 21st** - Please click [HERE](#) to view our Order of Worship. It will be available on our website by 3 pm.
- **Saturday May 22nd** - Workday for Food Justice
- **Sunday May 23rd - Worship** with us in person under the tent at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by clicking [HERE](#).
- **Sunday May 23rd** - Breakfast/Brunch of Champions
- **Saturday June 5th** - Pride Flag raising ceremony
- **Sunday June 6th** - Worship returns to the sanctuary with Communion
- **Monday June 7th** - Book Club
- **Tuesday June 8th** - Lunch with Friends
- **Saturday June 19th** - Juneteenth Celebration

Bedford Presbyterian Church Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Elyssa Michaels, Director of High School & Middle School

Youth Groups

Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager

Edwin & Ellida Acevedo, Building & Grounds Maintenance

Sunday Worship Service in person and virtual 10:00 AM

Email: Office@bedfordpreschurch.org ~ www.bedfordpreschurch.org

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