



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



M.C. Escher, "The Second Day of Creation"

June 11, 2023
Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude *Meditation on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"* Gwilym Beechey

Introit *The Lord is in His Holy Temple*

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences** from Psalm 33

Leader: The earth is full of the steadfast love of God.

**People: God speaks, and the heavens are made. God breathes,
and the stars shine.**

Leader: God bottles the waters of the sea, and God stores them
in the deep.

**People: God speaks, and the world exists. God commands, and
all things appear.**

***Opening Hymn 455** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
All Creatures of Our God and King

Confession

**God of grace, too often, we forget that we have the power to
bless and to curse. We don't understand the power of our words.
We say things carelessly, not knowing how much they hurt our
loved ones. We mutter hateful things to ourselves, not realizing
the harm we cause. Forgive us. Help us to fully be aware of how
much damage and healing that our tongues can cause.
Through your Spirit, we pray.**

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***Passing of the Peace**

You may stand and greet one another.

Time with the Children

The children are welcome to stay for the service or they may leave for Sunday Spirit.

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Anthem

Now the Silence, Now the Peace

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

Minute for Mission

ReSET

Offertory

Invocation

Christopher Tambling

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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.

***Hymn 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

***Charge and Blessing**

***Benediction Response**

Sevenfold Amen

Stainer

***Postlude**

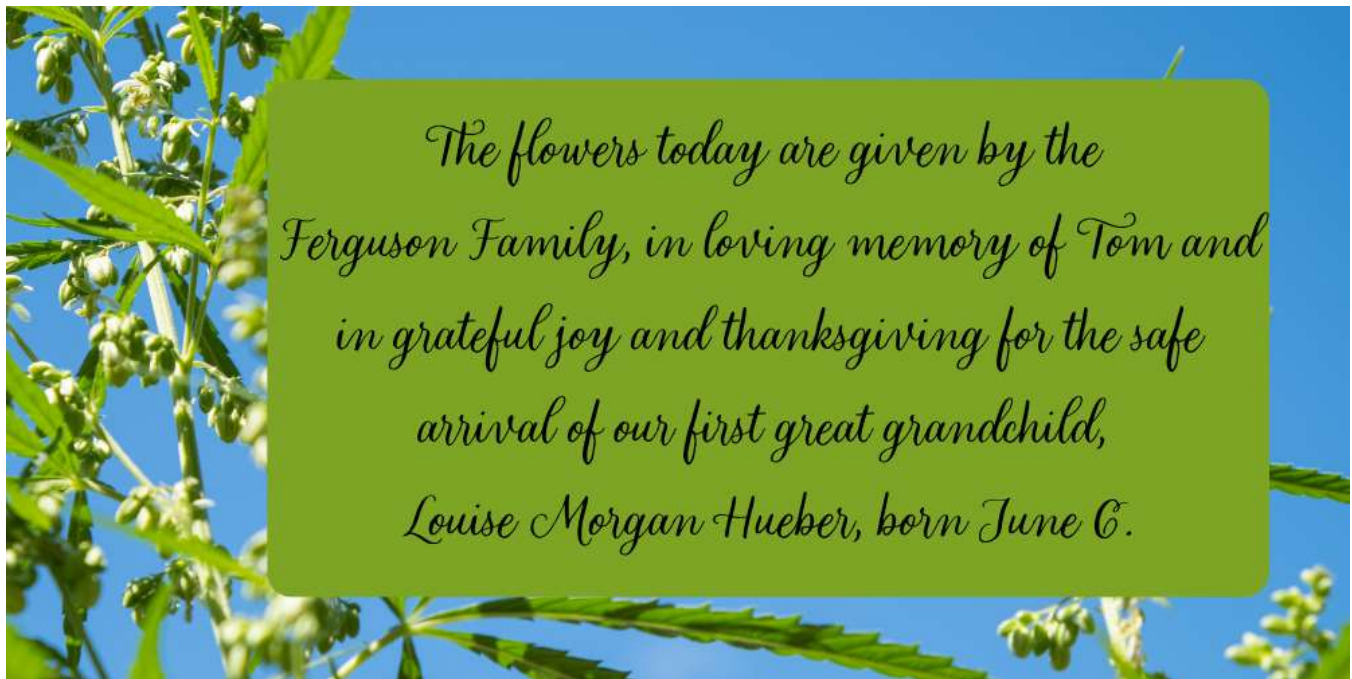
Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Healey Willan

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

Please fill out the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.



Many thanks to Michael
Burnette, our substitute organist,
for accompanying and leading
our choir.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



is moving outside starting June 25th. Please have your child wear clothes that can get dirty.



Thank you, and congratulations to our newest
Elders and Deacons, who will begin their
terms on
September 15, 2023.

New Elders - Heidi Michaels,
Anne Bentzen, Amy Drabek,
and Ashley Glod-Hayes

New Deacons - Andres Meija and
Lisa Sayre

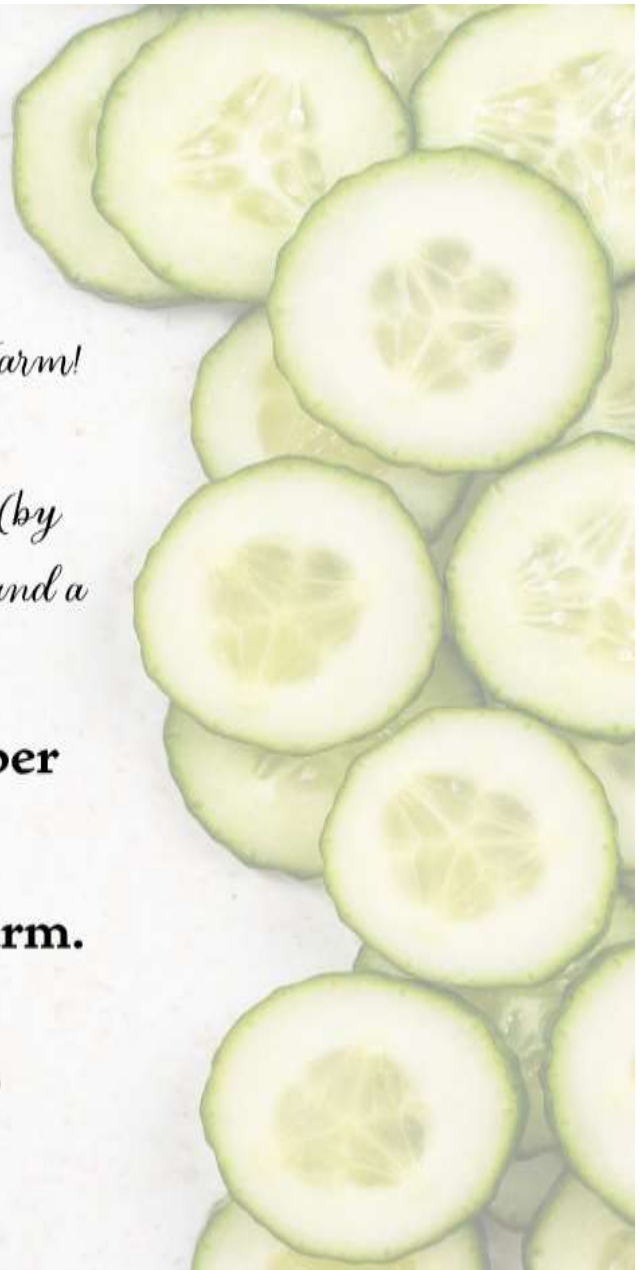
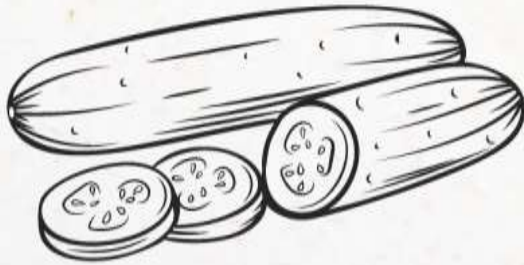
ADOPT A CUCUMBER!

Sponsor a cucumber plant at Nativity Farm!

If your plant produces the largest cuke (by weight), you will receive that cucumber and a \$75 gift card!

**\$20 to sponsor a cucumber
by June 18.**

Proceeds go to Nativity Farm.



Call for Team Members for Visioning Team!















Session has asked the Visioning Team to re-engage during June and the summer months to reimagine our dreams for our outdoor facilities and physical plant. This collaborative process will help us to more fully utilize our beautiful grounds and to further leverage our assets towards actualizing our mission.

If you are interested in joining the Visioning Team for this phase of our collective journey, please email Michelle Gosh at **ms_gosh@hotmail.com** by **Sunday, June 18th**. Thank you!

JUNE 11 – 17, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Partly Cloudy 80°	Rainy 75°	Rainy 78°	Partly Cloudy 77°	Partly Cloudy 81°	Partly Cloudy 81°	Thunderstorm 80°

ON THE FARM

This is the last week that Olive is interning here, so we used the time to work on planting the cucumbers that people have adopted. You have one more week to adopt a cucumber! Finally, we will begin harvesting our vegetables in the garden and donating them.

We have also been tending to our preexisting gardens. Due to the cooler weather the plants in the pollinator garden have become less stressed and have been able to bloom a little more!

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please follow our new Nativity Farm instagram: @nativityfarm_BPC

Our volunteer hours at the farm are Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Please join us! If you are unable to volunteer during that time, let Courtney know or volunteer at any of the other Westchester Local Food Project gardens in the area.

WORD OF THE WEEK

erosion

WHAT WE ARE READING

June 17th is the World day to combat Desertification and Drought.

Consider Psalm 63 as we think about desertification and drought:

O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

plant cucumbers, continue to water plants,
begin to harvest arugula



Join us in supporting

A community-funded effort that helps Fox Lane High School students overcome financial barriers and realize their hopes and dreams of attending college.

Sunday, June 25

5 pm – 7 pm

Student Speakers begin at 5:30 pm

Pound Ridge Village Green (Rain location: Conant Hall)

77 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge

Learn More and/or Donate

For more information, visit our website or go to

www.rewardingpotentialscholarship.org

Senior Luncheon

June 29th at 12:30 pm,
in the chapel room.

Bring your bag lunch and join us as we
connect with each other and make
new friends.

You don't need to be a member of
Bedford Presbyterian Church to attend.



ReSET is partnering with its fiscal sponsor, Neighbors Link, to support recent arrivals to Westchester and the Hudson Valley. While their basic needs are being met, they are in need of funds for their families' particular needs including medication and personal items, transportation and specific foods. These funds are best provided by using gift cards.

BPC is collecting donated gift cards that will be distributed to those in need by Neighbors Link. Any amount that you can provide would be appreciated, with **VISA/Mastercard** being the most useful, as well as **CVS, Target, Lyft** or **Uber**. The current and future shelters may not be near any large grocery stores so it's easiest for people to use VISA/Mastercard at the local bodega or convenience store within walking distance. It is suggested that the cards be in increments of \$25.00 and have no associated usage fees.

If you can help, please place the gift cards in an envelope marked "ReSET Immediate Assistance" and place the envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or drop off or mail the gift cards to the Church Office to the attention of *ReSET Immediate Assistance*.

You may also drop off or mail gift cards directly to Neighbors Link at 27 Columbus Ave in Mount Kisco, 10549, marked to the attention of Kathy Thorsberg, CFO.

To avoid scammers, If you are able to provide this assistance, gift cards should only be given or sent to Bedford Presbyterian Church or directly to Neighbors Link. The Church or staff will NOT be emailing you about this. If you have any questions about this appeal or about any contacts that you may receive that may seem suspicious you should telephone the Church Office directly.

ReSET is also looking for volunteers not only to help us with our continuing refugee resettlement work, but also to join us in assisting Neighbors Link with the immediate assistance needed for the immigrants arriving daily. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please visit our website at <https://resetwestchester.org/volunteer/> or call (914) 234-0025.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, June 11th

10 am

11 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

Coffee Hour

Monday, June 12th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, June 13th

12:30 pm

1 pm

Lunch with Friends in the Chapel

Quilting

Thursday, June 15th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**

5 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session - **Cancelled for this week.**

Sunday, June 18th

10 am

11 am

Worship and Youth Collection

Coffee Hour

Monday, June 19th

Juneteenth - OFFICE CLOSED

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS 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. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email Jessica at **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org** by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, President Michelle Gosh,
Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Suzanne Millette (Finance), Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, & Diane Palmento

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The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
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