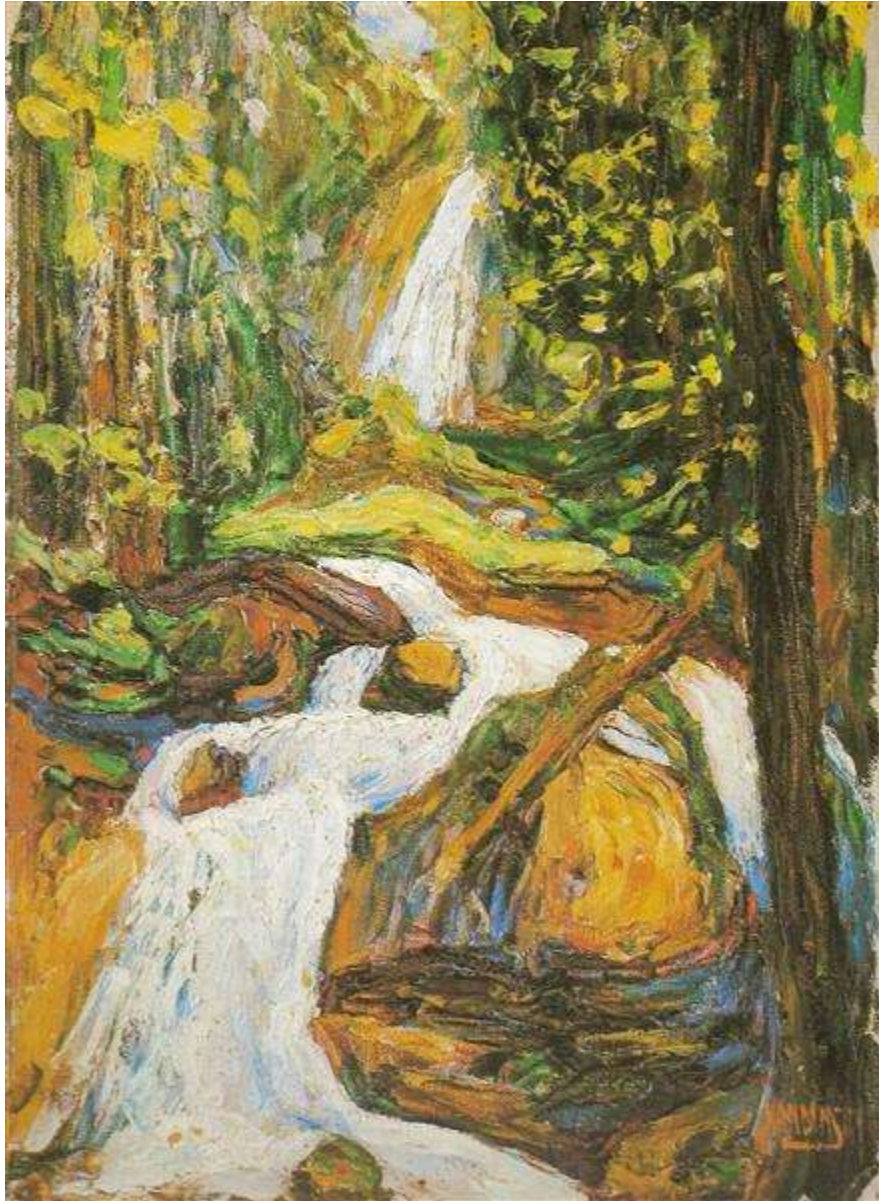


# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Kochel: Waterfall I” by Wassily Kandinsky

“Deep calls to deep. At the thunder of your waterfalls, all your waves and your billows have gone over us.”

# 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 10, 2021

**Prelude**                      *Ruhig bewegt* from Organ Sonata I    Paul Hindemith

**Introit**                      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*                      Anonymous

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship from Psalm 42**

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you,  
O God.

**People: Deep calls to deep. At the thunder of your waterfalls, all your  
waves and your billows have gone over us.**

Leader: By day you command your steadfast love, and at night  
your song is within me.

**People: Let us worship God!**

#### **\*Opening Hymn 343**    *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**1** Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace.  
We respond with deep commitment,  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
Side by side and friend with friend.  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end.

**2** Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

**3** Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

**4** So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace.

### **Confession**

**God of mercy, too often we cling to things, in the hope that they will give us security or status. We hoard our possessions, until our fists become tired with grasping. Our belongings can become a burden to us and keep us from hearing your deeper call.**

**Give us a spirit of generosity. Help us to have the freedom to let go and become the people you have called us to be.**

(Silent confession)

**Amen.**

**Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

**Sung Response**        *Amen, Amen*

**Time with the Children**

**Baptism of Chase Thomas Iacomini**

*The children can leave for Sunday Spirit after the Baptism.*

**\*Hymn 492**

*Baptized in Water*

**1** Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation,  
Trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

**2** Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with his rising,  
Freed and forgiven  
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

**3** Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit,  
We are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

**Hebrew Bible Lesson**      *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!  
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.  
Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 10:17-31*

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## Sermon

*Money and Movement* Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

## Offering

### Anthem

*Cantate Domino* Hans Leo Hassler  
(Sing to the Lord a New Song)

### \*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

## 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 369

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

(Please process to the Hughart Tree)

**1** I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**2** I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**3** I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**4** I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**\*Dedication of the Hughart Tree**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response for Choir and Congregation**

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## **Announcements**

Please fill out the Pew Pad located on the pew so that we know who joined us – both old friends and new!!

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.





**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021  
DURING 10AM SERVICE**

***JOIN US FOR THE  
HUGHART TREE  
DEDICATION***

**On Sunday we welcome back Rev. Thomas Hughart to dedicate the plaque and tree we planted for him after his retirement.**



*Flowers in the  
Sanctuary are  
dedicated by  
Mac & Mari Hurry,  
in loving memory of*

Major  
Bruce B. Hurry



### **Mistletoe Mart, Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 9-3 pm at BPC**

The Mart is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season and one of the most popular events for the congregation and community. It showcases the beautiful handmade quilt created over the year by some very dedicated women. Also find lovely items made by our many gifted crafters and vendors, the bake sale, decorated wreaths, and delicious chili. Make sure to visit our new Vintage Christmas Treasures in the Chapel Room, a treasure trove of lightly used Christmas items. You can stroll through Fellowship Hall to shop for friends, family, teachers or anyone else on your list while supporting local artisans and our many missions here at BPC. In the past, proceeds have gone to BPC, BPC's youth work trips, Open Door, Hope's Door, A-Home and the Community Center of NW. Do you want to volunteer a couple of hours to help at the Mart? Call or text **Judy Newton** at **914-523-1324** or email at **julianewton@yahoo.com**.

### **Vintage Christmas Treasures**

We are collecting used Christmas Treasures for a holiday shop at the Mistletoe Mart on Saturday, December 4. If you have Christmas treasures to donate please contact Pat Ferguson at 914-234-7833 or **pkferg1@gmail.com**. She will be storing items in her garage until the sale and you can either deliver them there or call her and she will pick them up.



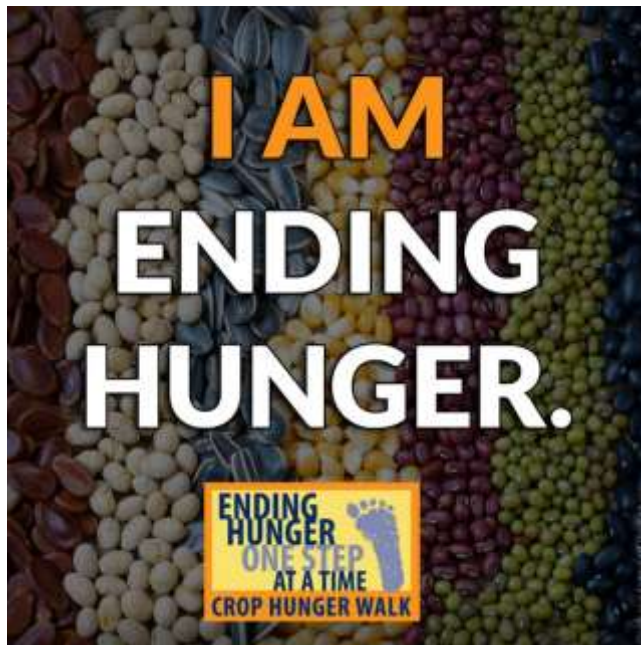
# Coffee Hour Sign Up

Coffee hour is held every Sunday after the church service. We ask that every family sign up for two Sundays throughout the year to help provide coffee and light snacks. Please go to the following sign up genius to pick your dates and get more information.

If you have any questions please contact us.

Access the following link or you can also find it in our E-NEWS or on our website.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45a9a92aa6fb6-bpccoffee>



The Northern Westchester Crop Walk is happening OCTOBER 17th. **If you would like to join our team and collect sponsors please go to our website and find the link for the Crop Walk or scan the QR Code below. Click on the blue "join the team" button at the bottom.**



If you cannot join the team, your sponsorship would be much appreciated. Please donate at the Crop Walk link, or if you prefer to give cash or checks (made out to Church World Service) to Charlotte or Alison Cape.





*Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month!*

## **LUNCH WITH FRIENDS**

Tuesdays 12:30pm behind the church. Bring a chair.

**The next lunch is October 12th.**



The Bible Study group meets between 10 – 11:00 am Thursdays on Zoom and anyone interested is welcome. Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net) for the Zoom link.



## Calling all children!

We are asking children of all ages to join us in singing throughout the year. All the songs will be posted on-line well in advance of our singing and we will rehearse the song the morning of our sharing. Simple!

Don Hiller-Dupont, an active member at BPC and a Music Educator for the

Chappaqua Central School District, leads Joyful Noise. Please email Don with any questions, or if your child would like to join, at [dondupont@outlook.com](mailto:dondupont@outlook.com).

Look for the link to a **Joyful Noises Google Classroom** in our weekly E-NEWS.

Our next performance will be **November 21st!!**

# **CHOIR**

*Do you love to sing?*

**OUR CHOIR IS MEETING AGAIN! WE  
WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US! ALL  
SINGERS MUST BE VACCINATED AND  
MASKED TO SING. CONTACT JOHN FOR  
MORE INFORMATION.**



## Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, October 10th** – Hughart Tree Dedication & Baptism
- **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** – **Office Closed** – Yoga still being held
- **Monday, October 11th – Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Jessica is on vacation.**
- **Tuesday, October 12th** – Lunch with Friends
- **Thursday, October 14th** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, October 17th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website. ***Childcare available.*** Baptism being held.
- **Monday, October 18th** -Yoga
- **Tuesday, October 19th** - Quilting

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