

# **BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



"Country Road in Provence By Night" by Vincent Van Gogh

"When the Morning Stars Sang Together."

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

## October 17, 2021

**Prelude**                      *Allegretto from Organ Sonata 4*      F. Mendelssohn

**Introit**                              *It's Me, It's Me O Lord*  
African American Spiritual

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship from Psalm 91**

Leader: We live in the shelter of the Most High. We abide in the shadow of the Almighty. God is our refuge and our dwelling place. Under God's wing, we will find sanctuary.

**People: When we call, God will answer us. God will be with us in trouble, God will rescue and honor us.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

#### **\*Opening Hymn 267** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

**1** Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings:  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

**2** The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)

**3** The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one. (Refrain)

**4** God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

### **Confession**

**Creator God, we confess that we have become alienated from the earth, and we have viewed the planet as a source of endless resources. We have polluted the water, soil, and skies. We have cut ourselves off from the groaning of creation beneath us.**

**Teach us to love the earth as our home and to listen to your wisdom pulsing through it. Through your Spirit, we pray.**

(Silent confession)

Amen.

### **Pardon**

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

**People:** And also with you.

## **\*Sung Response Hymn 372**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
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In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

## **Time with the Children**

### **Baptism of Anderson Glod-Hayes**

#### **Baptism Hymn**

**1** Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.  
Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,  
into joy and laughter lead.

**2** Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God's you are; from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.

*The children will leave for Sunday Spirit after the baptism.*

**Hebrew Bible Lesson**      *Job 38:1-7*

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”

**Anthem**                      *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord*                      Christopher Tye

**Gospel Lesson**                      *Mark 10:35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you;

but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

## **Sermon**

*Consider The Whirlwind*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

## **Offering**

### **Anthem**

*How Lovely are the Messengers*

F. Mendelssohn

### **\*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**

### **\*Hymn 455**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

**1** All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**2** Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**3** Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**4** Thou fertile earth, that day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on your way,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them God's glory also show!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Charge and Blessing**

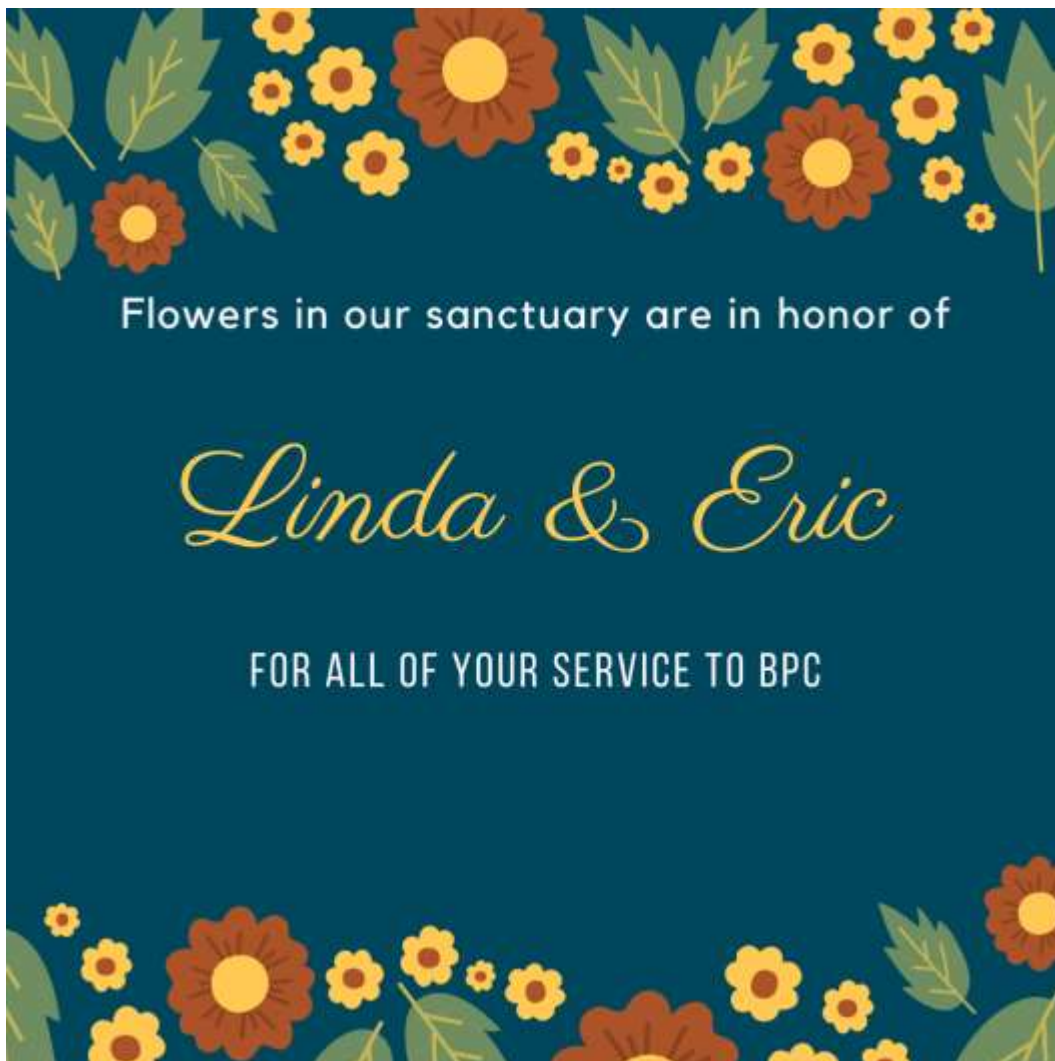
**\*Choral Response**                      *May the Lord, Mighty God*      Chinese Folk Tune

**\*Postlude**                                      *Menuet Gothique*                      Leon Boellmann

## 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](http://bedfordpreschurch.org) and select either **'Contact'** at the top *or* **E-NEWS** just below it.







### **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.



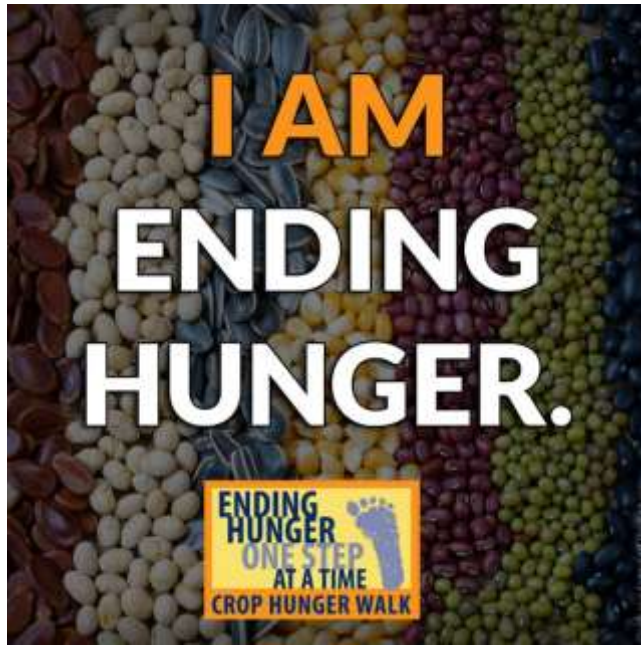
# Coffee Hour Sign Up

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 TODAY!!  
**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 (click on the orange "donate now" button), or if you prefer 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 26th.**



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 online 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 17th** Baptism
- **Monday, October, 18th** - Yoga
- **Tuesday, October 19th** – Quilting
- **Thursday, October 21st** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, October 24th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website.  
***Childcare available.***
- **Monday, October 25th** -Yoga
- **Tuesday, October 26th** – Lunch with Friends

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## **Our Leadership**

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