

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Finding Solace" by John August Swanson

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God whose love is pouring over us, welcomes us here today.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: God whose healing power is ready to bind up our wounds,
welcomes us here today.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: God whose transforming presence offers us hope and peace
welcomes us here today.

People: Praise be to God who loves, heals and restores us.

***Opening Hymn 514** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one.
At the table He sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

Confession

Merciful Lord, you know that we are stubborn and willful. We believe that we know the right way to do everything and to heal all the troubles of the world. We resort to extraordinary means to provide healing only to find that we have not placed our trust in your redeeming love. Our efforts fall far short of the goal of reconciliation. Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance. Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion to our relationships with you and with each other. Lift us up and cause us to serve you by serving others in this world. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Amen.

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Joyful Noise Choir *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

The children can leave for Sunday Spirit.

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this

reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon

Courtney Steininger

Divorce, Dysfunction, and God's Global Family

Offering

Offertory

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

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to God...

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Anthems

Senor, ten Piedad / O Lord Have Mercy / Kyrie Eleison

Paraguay

Somos pueblo que camina / We are people on a journey

Nicaragua

Prayer after Communion and 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 400

When We are Living

1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

4 Across this wide world, we shall always find
Those who are crying with no peace of mind,
But when we help them or when we feed them,
We belong to God, we belong to God.
We belong to God, we belong to God.

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Swee Hong Lim (Singapore)

May the Love of the Lord

***Please stand if you are able**

Announcements

We wish to thank Barbara Kanner for sharing her talents in playing the flute for us this morning.

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.





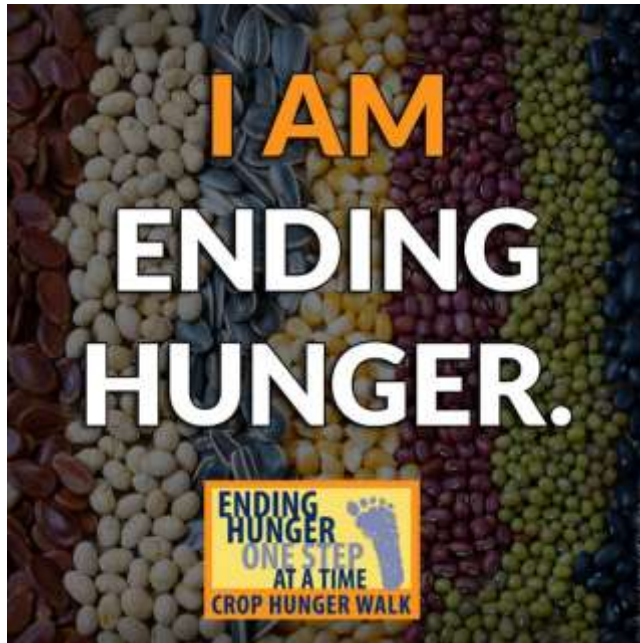
Coffee Hour Sign Up

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 (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 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 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.

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

Our next performance is **today!!**

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 3rd** - World Communion Sunday/ Children's Choir. Welcome Courtney Steininger!!
- **Monday, October 4th** - Yoga
- **Tuesday, October 5th** - Lunch with Friends
- **Thursday, October 7th** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, October 10th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website. ***Childcare available.*** Hughtart Tree Dedication and Baptism.
- **Monday, October 11th** -Yoga

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