

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Angels at Mamre Trinity" by Andre Rublev

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jeanne Collins

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: Creator, Liberator, and Nurturer

Leader: Speaker, Word, and Wisdom

People: Lover, Beloved, and Love

People: Mother, Child, and Womb

People: God who was, God who is, God who is to come

Leader: Rainbow, Ark, and Dove. We worship your Triune name.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

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Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon *"Born of the Spirit"* Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Hymn Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the ages,
Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person,
Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building,
Dedicate us to the task.

3 Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence.
Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication,
Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding,
See Your purpose, fill all needs.

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.



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



WE WILL RETURN TO THE
SANCTUARY ON
JUNE 6TH!



**Flowers for our May 30th
worship service
are sponsored by**

Geri Mariano

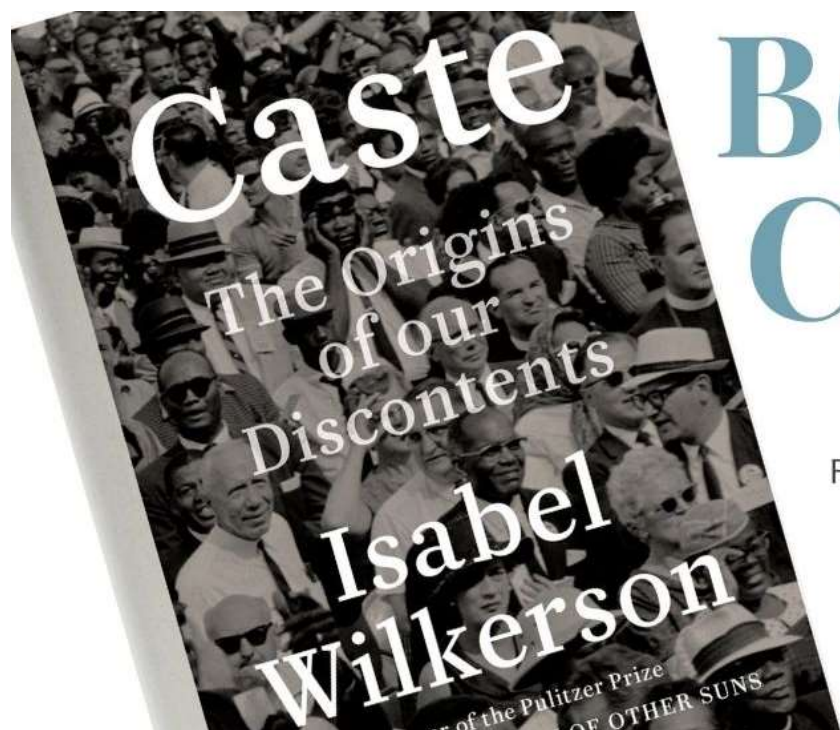
*In loving memory of my sister,
Andrea Mariano Lodato for her
May 29th Birthday*



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.



Book Club

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



We will be discussing Section 3 at our next meeting on June 7th



Dear BPC Members and Friends:

We hope you are doing well. As we emerge into a bright future, we want to share the joy of our 2021 Rewarding Potential Scholarship recipients and their bright futures. Through your generous support, these seven talented young women and men will realize their hopes and dreams and begin college in the fall. These scholars will join the twenty-two previous recipients who have attended college, some of whom have already graduated. The Rewarding Potential Scholarship has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships to date, with every dollar donated going directly to our students.

Now it is time for us to say, 'Thank You!' for your support and celebrate our 2021 scholarship recipients and our recent college graduates. Please join us on **June 17th @ 7:00pm** under the tent behind the Bedford Presbyterian Church. We will enjoy light refreshments and you will have the chance to meet and hear the stories of our inspiring Rewarding Potential Scholars.

We look forward to seeing you!



Lunch with Friends

2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS AT 12:30
UNDER THE TENT

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 June 8th.**

A poster for Juneteenth Freedom Day with a yellow background. It features a large black treble clef and musical notes on the left. The title 'JUNETEENTH' is in large black letters, and 'FREEDOM DAY' is in green letters below it. The text 'IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ENDING OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES' is in small black letters. Below a horizontal line, it says 'Learn about the history of Juneteenth and Bedford's Black History from members of our community.' and 'Enjoy Live Performances by: Asase Yaa African American Dance Theater Live Jazz by Shirazette & Sonic WallPaper Band'. The date and time 'JUNE 19TH, 2021 2 - 4PM' are in large red letters. The location 'BEDFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL PARK GREENWICH RD BEDFORD, NY 10506' is in small black letters at the bottom.

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GREENWICH RD
BEDFORD, NY 10506



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

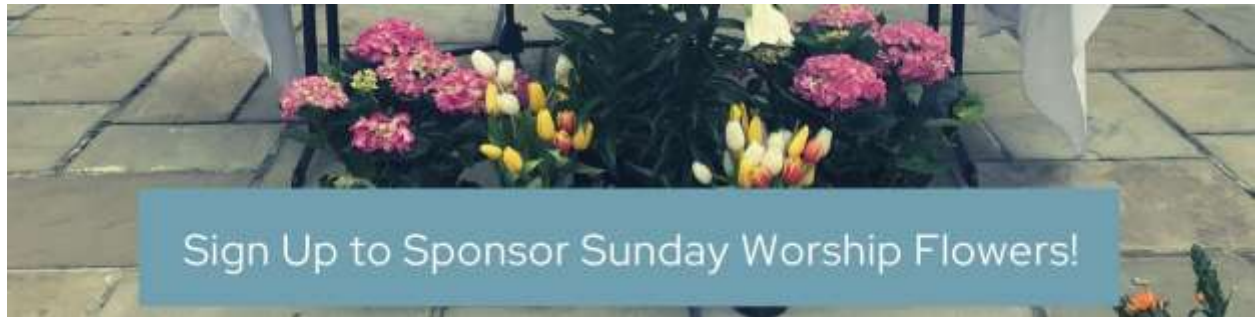
Katonah • Bedford Village • Bedford Hills

We are still wearing masks to public events!



Presented by

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



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 28th** - View our Order of Worship. It will be available on our website by 3 pm.
- **Sunday, May 30th - Worship** with us in person under the tent at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to our website and accessing the Sunday worship link.
- **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
- **Thursday, June 17th** – RPS Scholarship Recipient Celebration
- **Saturday June 19th** - Juneteenth Celebration

Bedford Presbyterian Church Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor

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Sunday Worship Service in person and virtual 10:00 AM

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