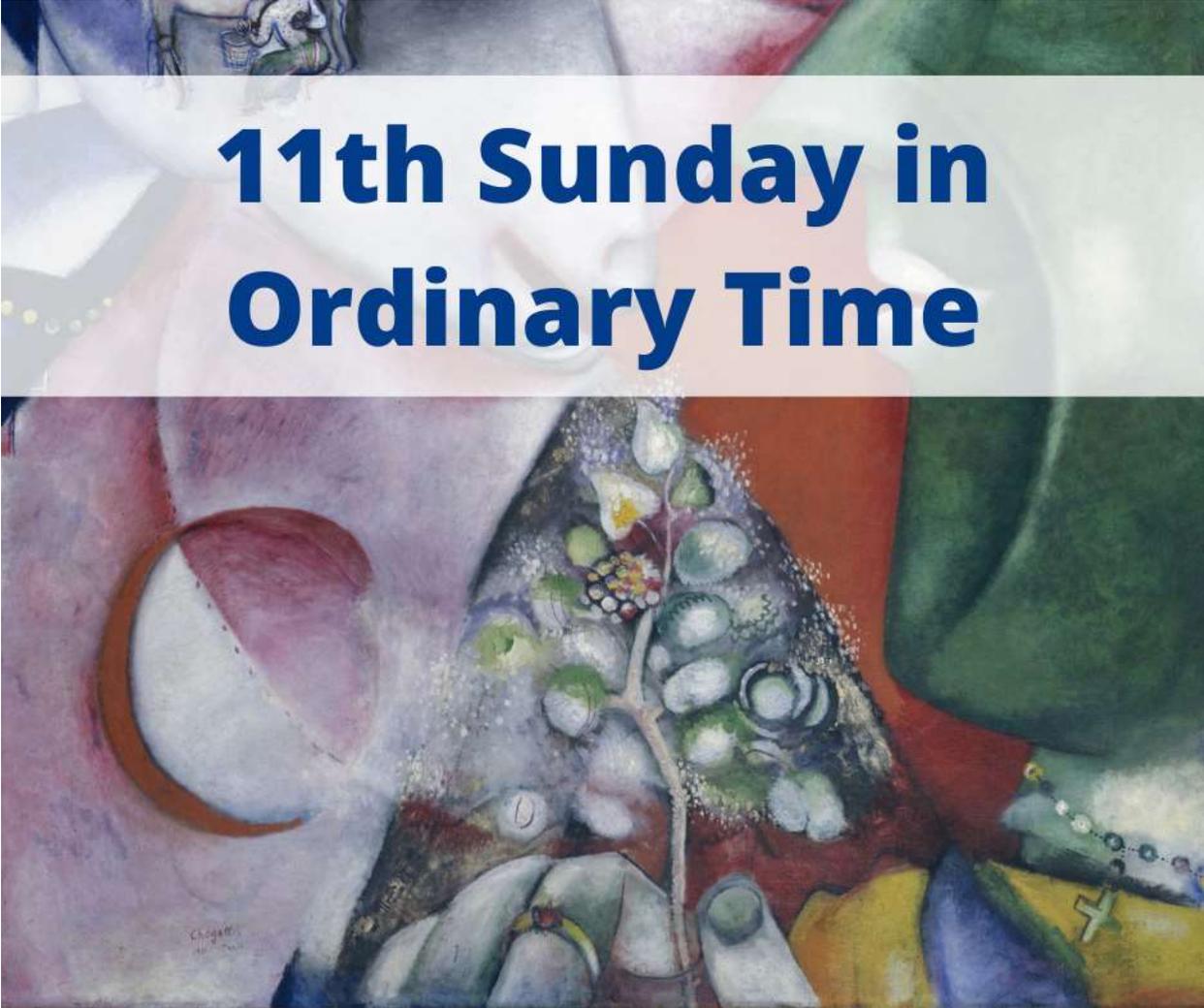


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

"I and the Village" by Marc Chagall

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Sermon

"Scattering Seeds"

Carol Howard Merritt

Hymn 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Communion

Great Prayer of 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...

Bread and Cup

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

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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.



**Worship in the Sanctuary or online!
Sundays at 10 am**



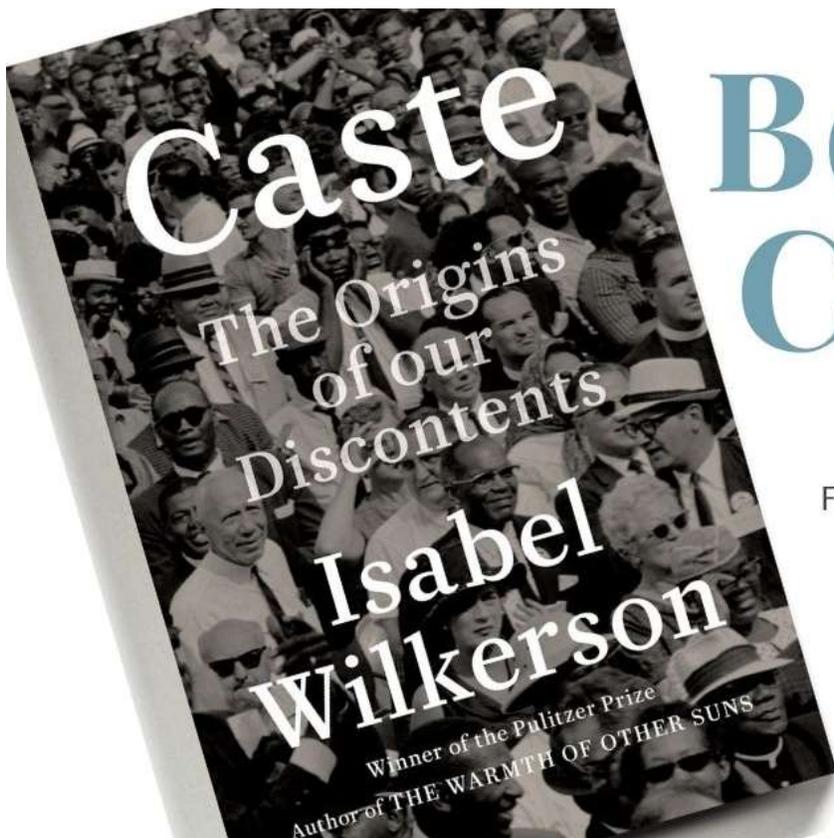
Join us today for Communion



**Flowers for our June 13th
worship service
are given by**

Bing & Marcy Carlson

*With gratitude that we can share
memorable family events and
visit with friends again.*



Book Club

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



We will be discussing Section 4 at our next meeting on June 21st

Columbarium Update

The new benches for the Columbarium have arrived. Stop by after worship services to see them in all their beauty.



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.

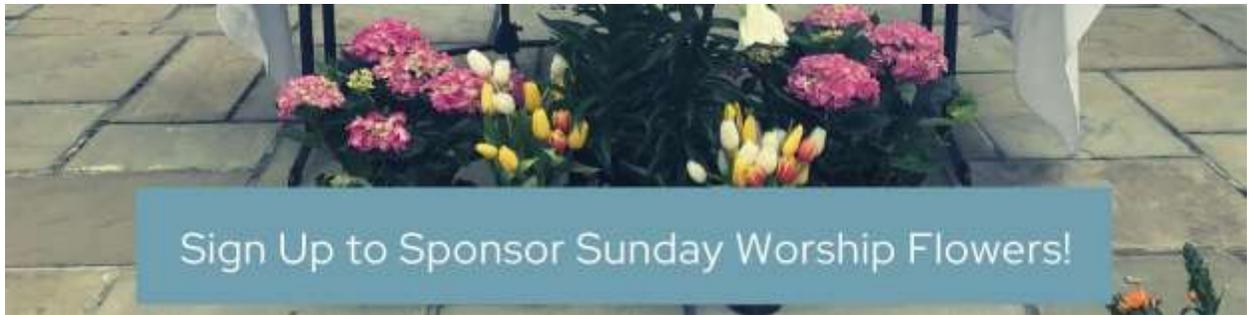
We look forward to seeing you!

Please RSVP to Kathy DiBiasi at dibiasi@optonline.net



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 22nd.**

A poster for Juneteenth Freedom Day. The background is a solid yellow color. At the top left is a black treble clef and musical notes. To the right of the clef, the words "JUNE TEENTH" are written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below "JUNE TEENTH", the words "FREEDOM DAY" are written in bold, green, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, in smaller black sans-serif capital letters, is "IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ENDING OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES". A horizontal line separates this from the text below. The text below the line reads: "Learn about the history of Juneteenth and Bedford's Black History from members of our community." Below that, it says "Enjoy Live Performances by:" followed by "Asase Yaa African American Dance Theater" and "Live Jazz by Shirazette & Sonic WallPaper Band". At the bottom, "JUNE 19TH, 2021" is written in large, bold, red, sans-serif capital letters, with "2 - 4PM" below it in the same style. At the very bottom, the address "BEDFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL PARK GREENWICH RD BEDFORD, NY 10506" is written in black, sans-serif capital letters.



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, June 11th** - View Sunday's Order of Worship. It will be available on our website by 3 pm.
- **Sunday, June 13th** - Worship returns to the sanctuary with Communion. Join us either in person or virtually by accessing the Sunday worship link on our website.
- **Thursday, June 17th** – RPS Scholarship Recipient Celebration
- **Saturday June 19th** - Juneteenth Celebration
- **Monday, June 21st** - Book Club
- **Tuesday, June 22nd** - Lunch with Friends

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