

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ko'olau Mountains from Ahuimanu by Mark T. Howard

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

Prelude

Andante Cantabile

C. M. Widor

Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when families and loved ones live together in unity.

People: It is like precious oil on the head. It is like dew falling on the mountains. For there, God ordains the blessing of life forevermore.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Hymn 554

Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2. By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Hebrew Poetry Lesson *Job 38:1-11*

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?
“Or who shut in the sea with doors
 when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
 and set bars and doors,
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

"Questioning God"

Carol Howard Merritt

Hymn 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

Prayers of the People

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 *The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God* B. Marcello

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.



Congregational Meeting

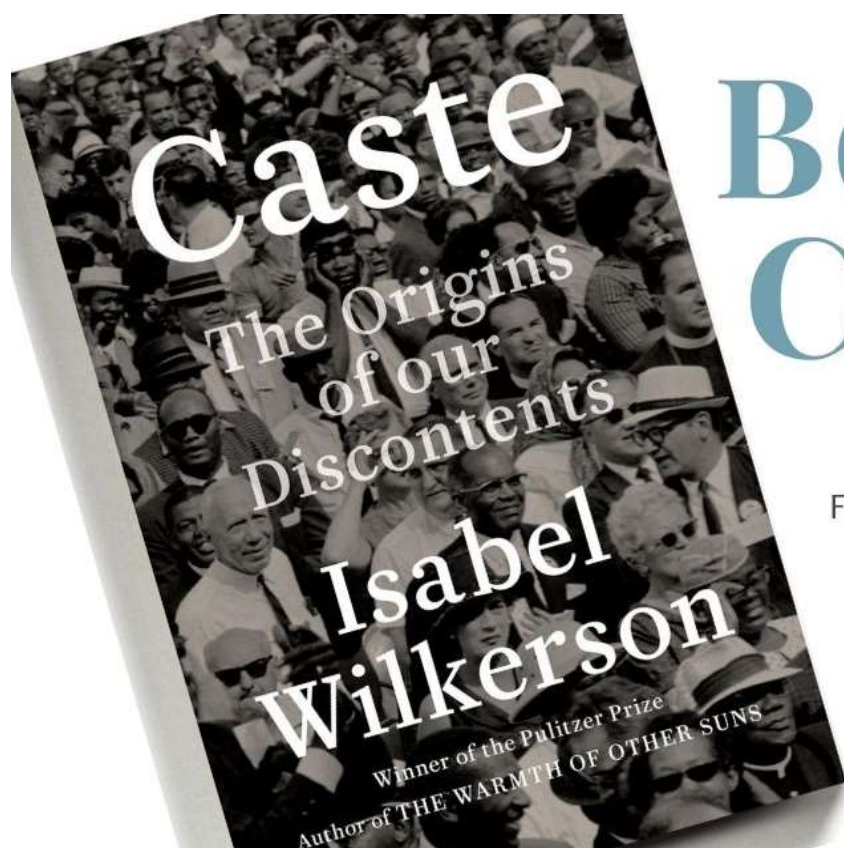
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After the service



Columbarium Update

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





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



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.



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.**

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Monday, June 21st** - Book Club
- **Tuesday, June 22nd** - Lunch with Friends
- **Friday, June 25th** - View Sunday's Order of Worship. It will be available on our website by 3 pm.
- **Sunday, June 30th** - Worship with us either in person or virtually by accessing the Sunday worship link on our website.

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The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor

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Sunday Worship Service in person and virtual at 10:00 am

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