

# **BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



*"Angels at Mamre Trinity" by Andre Rublev*

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

# Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 6, 2021

**Call to Worship from Psalm 138**

Amy Drabek

Leader: I give thanks to you, o god, with my whole heart.

**People: I give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.**

Leader: You will fulfill your purpose for me.

**People: Let us worship God!**

**Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

**1** Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the Word!

**2** Sweet the rain's new fall  
Sunlit from Heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

**3** Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day!

### **Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 3:20-35*

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and

my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**Sermon**

*“A House Divided”*

Carol Howard Merritt

**Hymn**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**1** God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a Shepherd's care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

**2** God be with you till we meet again;

Unseen wings protecting hide you,

Daily manna still provide you:

God be with you till we meet again.

**3** God be with you till we meet again;

When life's perils thick confound you;

Put unfailing arms around you:

God be with you till we meet again.

**4** God be with you till we meet again;

Keep love's banner floating o'er you,

Strike death's threatening wave before you:

God be with you till we meet again.

**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

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

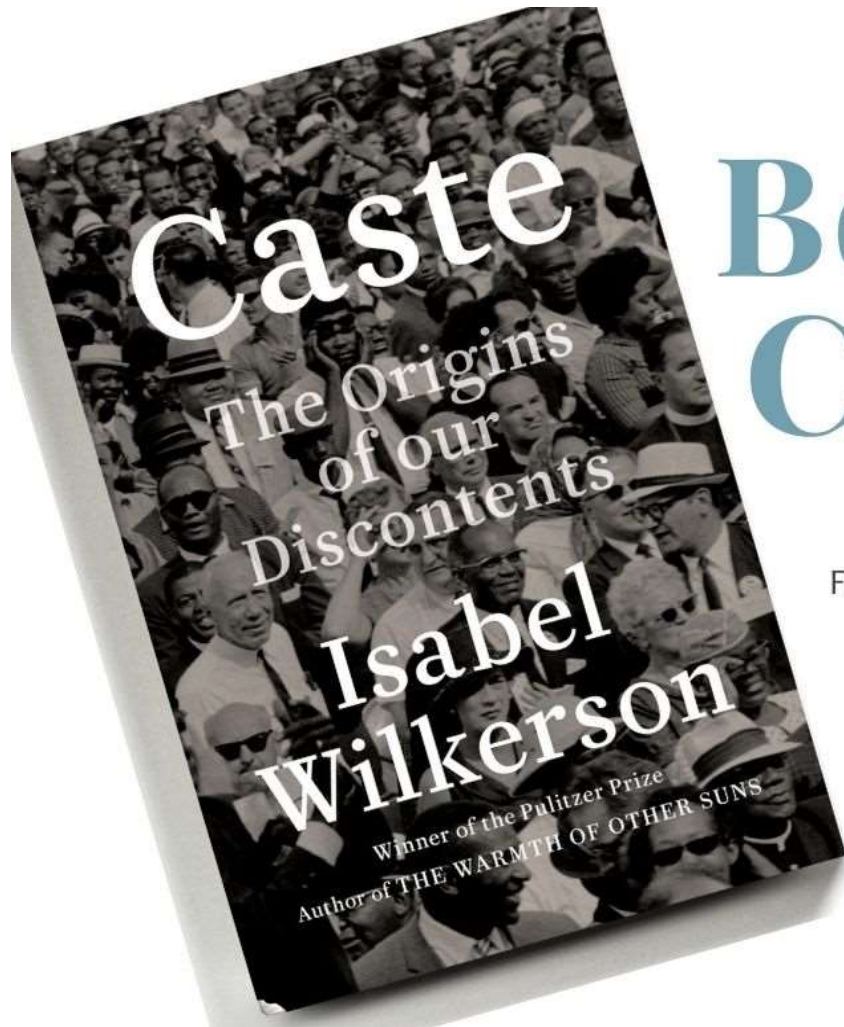




**Worship in the Sanctuary or online!  
Sundays at 10 am**



**Flowers for our June 6th  
worship service  
are sponsored by  
Pat Ferguson  
*In loving memory of  
Tom Ferguson  
from his family***



# 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 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **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!

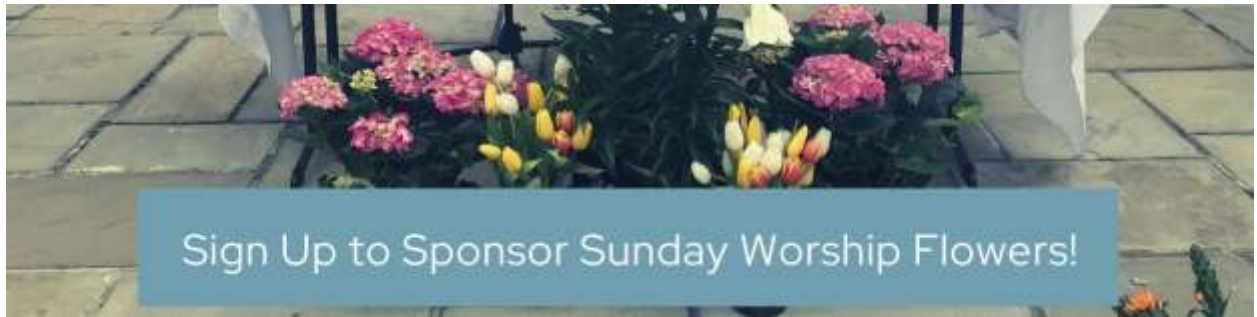
**Please RSVP to Kathy DiBiasi at [dibiasi@optonline.net](mailto:dibiasi@optonline.net)**





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 8th.**

A poster for 'JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY'. The background is a solid yellow color. On the left, there is a black graphic of a treble clef and musical notes. To the right of the graphic, the words 'JUNE TEENTH' are written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below that, 'FREEDOM DAY' is written in bold, green, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath the title, in smaller black 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 reads: 'Learn about the history of Juneteenth and Bedford's Black History from members of our community.' followed by 'Enjoy Live Performances by: Asase Yaa African American Dance Theater Live Jazz by Shirazette &amp; Sonic WallPaper Band'. At the bottom, 'JUNE 19TH, 2021' and '2 - 4PM' are written in large, bold, red, sans-serif capital letters. Finally, the address 'BEDFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL PARK GREENWICH RD BEDFORD, NY 10506' is written in black, sans-serif capital letters at the very bottom.



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 4th** - View Sunday's Order of Worship. It will be available on our website by 3 pm.
- **Sunday, June 6th** - Worship returns to the sanctuary with Communion. Join us either in person or virtually by accessing the Sunday worship link on our website.
- **Monday, June 7th** - Book Club
- **Tuesday, June 8th** - Lunch with Friends
- **Thursday, June 17th** – RPS Scholarship Recipient Celebration
- **Saturday June 19th** - Juneteenth Celebration

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