

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



17th Sunday in
ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, July 25, 2021

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

Call to Worship from Psalm 145

Leader: God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: You are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

Leader: You are near to all who call on you.

People: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn 275 *God of Our Life*

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;
Be Thou our Guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow Thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;
Our Refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily Bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Confession

Loving God, too often we walk past those in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We ignore the cries of the hungry, and do not hear the call of the thirsty. With so much suffering in our world, we feel powerless to help and we become callous to the pain of our neighbors.

Forgive us, O God. Give us the strength to love our neighbors. Give us the wisdom to live simply and share what we have. Move us with your compassion so that we might hear those in need. Through your Spirit, we pray.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

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

People: **And also with you.**

Sung Response

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hebrew Bible Lesson

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the

roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Gospel Lesson

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Sermon

"When All are Satisfied" Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

Minute for Mission

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

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

The 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 391

Take My Life

1 Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
St the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*We wish to thank organist Tyler Walker for
playing today's service for us.*

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.



The BPC Quilting Group welcomes everyone to come and learn about the many joys of quilting. Feel free to come anytime between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

Tuesday dates alternate with Rev. Carol's Lunches under the tent. No experience necessary and you will learn as you go. Creating a quilt together for the Mistletoe Mart is the perfect antidote for coming out of the pandemic!

Reconnect or meet new members of BPC and socialize while you quilt. Quilting is very relaxing and excellent for your mental health! There is something for everyone to do, so don't be shy. Quilting at BPC has been a tradition since the 1970's. It's a great learning experience for all ages.

RSVP to:

- Jeanne Morrison at Rjmorr145@verizon.net,
- Karen Ulanowski at karen.ulanowski@gmail.com, or
- Anne Bentzen at r.bentzen@verizon.net to join or inquire with any questions.

Come and go as you are able. RSVPs appreciated. We'll be in the Chapel Room. See you on **August 3rd, 17th and 31st.**



This Sunday we will connect with our community by feeding those who struggle with food insecurity. We will host a fresh produce drive to benefit families at Neighbor's Link. If you have a home garden please bring excess produce to the sanctuary on Sunday. If you would like to purchase produce, the following are particularly appreciated: peppers of all kinds, cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans, and cilantro. In addition, we will take a special offering at the service, if you would like to make a monetary donation.

YOGA RETURNS TO BPC



Every Monday
between 9am-10am
in Fellowship Hall

Beginning Monday August 2nd, Yoga returns to BPC.

Join Kripalu Yoga Instructor Bobbe Stultz every Monday between
9:00 am and 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

The cost is \$20.00 per class.

For more information, contact bobbestultz@gmail.com

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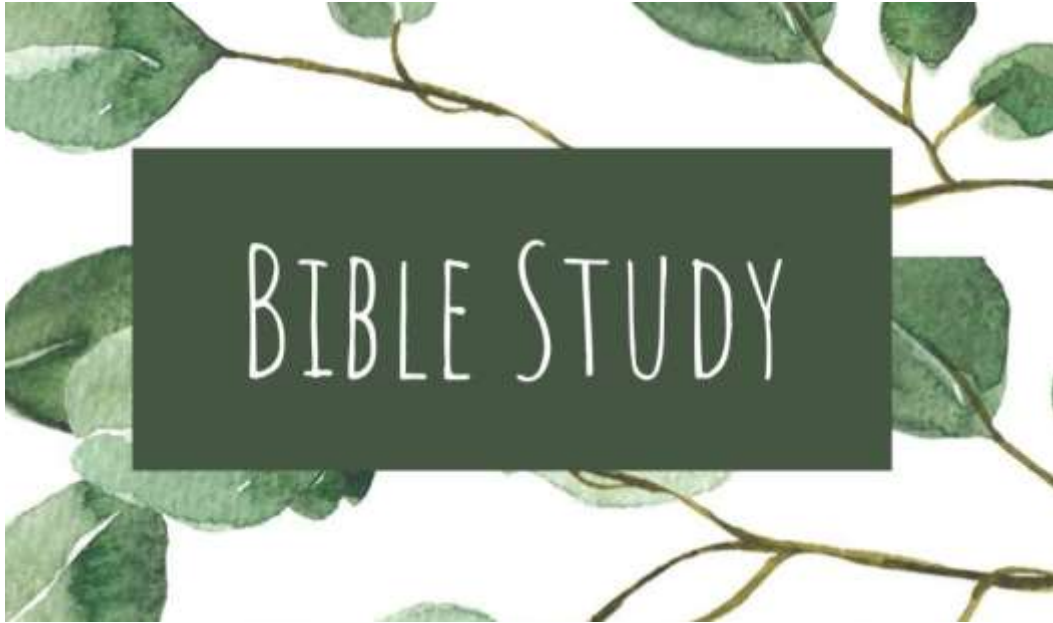
FOOD PANTRY

The Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry is looking to fill a part-time paid Office Administrator position. If interested, details about the position and application are available at: mountkiscofoodpantry.org.



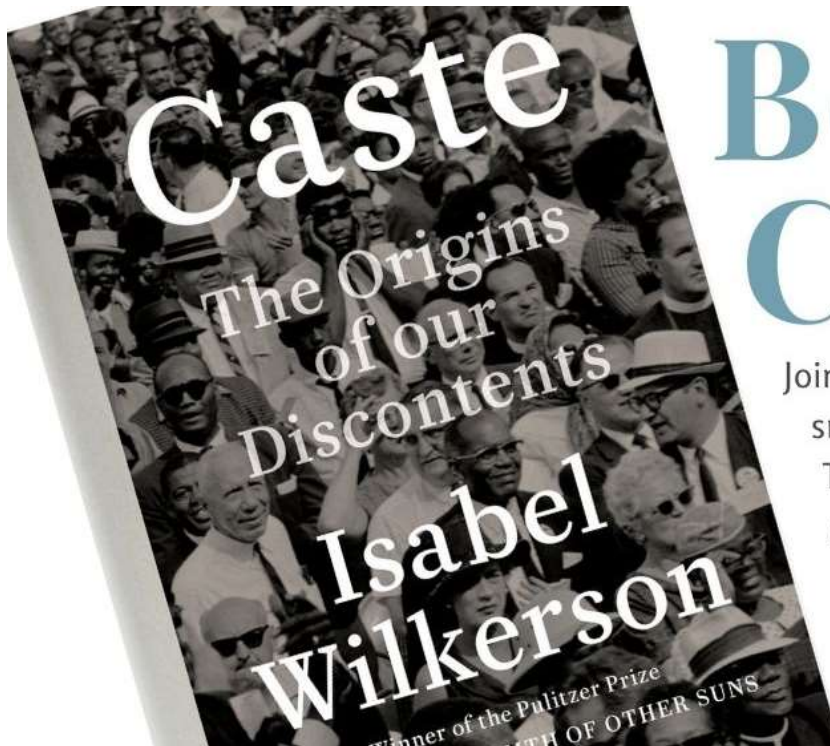
Join a group of people with diverse faith backgrounds for an exchange of ideas. We are still meeting virtually via Zoom the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm. All are welcome. Please contact Sharon Seidell at sps1256s@gmail.com if you are interested.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 13th.



The Bible Study group meets 10:00 am - 11:00 am Thursdays via Zoom and anyone interested is welcome.

Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.



Book Club

Join us in person! Bring a snack or drink to share.
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August 9 at 7:00 p.m.



We will be finishing the book at our next meeting on **August 9th.**



Earlier this year, BPC hosted an inspiring discussion on Food and Faith with Derrick Weston, a pastor and food justice activist. As one of the founding congregations, BPC has long been a supporter of the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. During the pandemic, the financial support provided by our congregation was so generous, even while opportunities for volunteering were put on hold for safety reasons.

Now, happily the Pantry returns to its prior "choice" model welcoming guests in to select food and produce. This has created opportunities for us to volunteer at food distributions once again. To complement this, a few of us put our heads together to find additional ways to advocate for food justice in our community. Initially we have partnered with a local nonprofit organization, Intergenerate, to help tend their "giving gardens." Organic vegetables are grown in underused gardens on properties in the area. The harvest is distributed through a number of organizations including Neighbor's Link. Fresh, local produce is always much appreciated! If you are interested in volunteering for either of these initiatives helping our neighbors deal with food insecurity, or if you have additional ideas, please contact Sharon Seidell at: sps1256s@gmail.com.



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 on our website to submit your dedication and use the dedicated link to make your secure online donation. Checks and dedications can also be mailed to the BPC office.

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.



Our next Communion is Sunday, August 1st.



Lunch with Friends

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

Join Reverend Carol for a socially distanced lunch under the tent on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. 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 July 27th.**

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Friday, July 23rd** - Please click [HERE](#) to view our Order of Worship. It will be available on our website by 3 pm.
- **Sunday, July 25th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by clicking [HERE](#). **Childcare available.**
- **Tuesday, July 27th** - Lunch with Friends
- **Thursday, July 29th** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, August 1st** - Communion during worship service
- **Monday, August 2nd** - Yoga returns to BPC
- **Tuesday August 3rd** - BPC Quilting Group
- **Thursday, August 5th** - Bible Study
- **Monday, August 9th** - Yoga at BPC
- **Monday, August 9th** - Final Book Club in person
- **Tuesday, August 10th** - Lunch with Friends
- **Tuesday, August 10th** - Pub Theology

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

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