

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



19th Sunday in
ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, August 8, 2021

Prelude

Comfort You, My People

J. Pachelbel

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

Call to Worship from Psalm 34

Leader: I searched for you, and you answered me.

People: You delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: We look to you and we are radiant, so our faces shall never
be ashamed.

**People: This poor soul cried out and you heard them, and they were
saved from every trouble.**

Leader: Taste and see that God is good. Happy are those who take
refuge in God.

People: For you are near to all who call upon you.

***Opening Hymn 370** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Call to Confession

**Merciful God, too often we become annoyed with those we love the
We do not allow ourselves to rest, and we become impatient. with
others. We neglect to sustain our bodies, and our anger quickens. We
push people away because we do not want them to see our
weakness, then we become lonely and isolated. We have an
emotional vacuum that we try to fill with material possessions, and it
only leaves us emptier.**

**Forgive us, O God. Help us to find the time to sleep, so that we might
have patience with one another. May we eat the food we need and
share it. Help us to grow in your love, compassion, and kindness.**

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe

We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

Hebrew Bible Lesson *1 Kings 19:4-8*

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Gospel Lesson *John 6:35, 41-51*

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you,

whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Sermon *The Grace of a Good Meal* Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

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 and 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 361**

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Organ Sonata de primo tono

Jose Lidon

***Please stand if you are able**

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 Community Center of Northern Westchester in Katonah expects a heavy back to school rush in the next several weeks as families prepare for the coming year. Of particular need for the over 3,000 people the center gives food assistance to are containers of rice, pasta, cereals and mac & cheese. Center staff are very grateful for Bedford Presbyterian Church's prior support and hope the congregation will respond to this ongoing need.

The Center is located at 84 Bedford Road in Katonah. Food and gently used clothing may be dropped off Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.



TODAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL



AFTER THE SERVICE
Under the Hughtart Tree



SAVE THE DATES!

September 12

Welcome Back Sunday!
Children's Choir
Picnic & Blue Grass Band

September 26

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt's Installation
with Dr. Diana Butler Bass



The BPC Quilting Group welcomes everyone to come and learn about the many joys of quilting. Feel free to come anytime between 1 pm and 4 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 17th and 31st.**



Calling all children!

At Bedford Presbyterian Church, we LOVE music. We believe every child should have the chance to sing and find their voice. We are asking children of all ages to join us in singing throughout the year. All the songs will be posted on-line well in advance of our singing and we will rehearse the song the morning of our sharing. Simple!

Our first song will be performed on **Sunday, September 12th** which is also our Welcome Back Picnic. Don Hiller-Dupont will lead Joyful Noise. Don is an active member at BPC and a Music Educator for the Chappaqua Central School District. Please email him with any questions at **dondupont@outlook.com**.



LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12:30 pm
Under the tent

Join Elyssa Michaels 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 August 10th.**



Yoga at BPC

Every Monday between
9 am - 10 am in
Fellowship Hall

Yoga has returned 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**.

Sunday Flowers

Flowers in the sanctuary were
graciously dedicated to the
Bedford Presbyterian Church
by Andrea Soleiman





SUPER SOAKER SUNDAY!

August 15 • After Church
Kids Bring a Towel!

THE MOUNT KISCO
INTERFAITH
FOOD PANTRY

Help Wanted

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.



Volunteer Opportunity

We have opportunities to volunteer at **The Mt. Kisco Food Pantry**.

We've also partnered with a local nonprofit organization, **Intergenerate**, to tend their "giving gardens." They distribute the harvest through a number of organizations including Neighbor's Link. If you're interested in volunteering for either of these initiatives, please contact Sharon Seidell at [**sps1256s@gmail.com**](mailto:sps1256s@gmail.com).



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.



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 10th.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, August 8th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website.
Childcare available. Ice Cream Social to follow.
- **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
- **Thursday, August 12th** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, August 15th** – Super Soaker Sunday
- **Sunday, September 12th** – Welcome Back Picnic
- **Sunday, September 26th** – Reverend Carol's installation

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

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