



"Blessing Children in the Americas" by Jorge Cocco Santángelo

Ordinary Time

Children's Sabbath

October 23, 2022

Prelude Andante Allegro from Organ Concerto Op. 4 G. F. Handel

Introit Holy, Holy, Holy F. Mendelssohn

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Brady Lapple

Leader: You are a God who is able to make all things right and just.

People: This, we believe!

Leader: You are a God who loves us from cradle to grave and beyond.

People: This, we believe!

Leader: You are a God who is calling us to be agents of change in this world.

People: This, we believe!

Leader: You are a God who will be with us as we advocate for the most vulnerable.

People: This, we believe!

Leader: You call us to pray with our hands, our mouths, and our feet.

People: This, we believe!

Leader: You are calling us to create a just world for all of your children.

People: This, we believe!

Leader: Let us worship a God who creates and cares and loves. Let us worship on this Children's Sabbath Day!

*Opening Hymn 458 Earth and All Stars

Confession

Call to Confession

God, we confess that at times, we care for only that which we have deemed ours and not all that you claim as yours. We acknowledge that we have been participants in greed, violence, oppression, hurt, disparity. We acknowledge that we have created too many systems filled with poverty and lack. Convict us, O Lord, of our apathy. Forgive us as we repent and participate in your vision for the world.

(Silent Confession)

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response Hymn 432

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Refrain:
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

First Reading Joel 2:23-32 Charlie Tate

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm — my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

Anthem Above All Praise and Majesty F. Mendelssohn

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19 Rebecca Fastert

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made healthy. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He kneeled at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you whole."

Sermon Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 589

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven

Offering and Children's Offering

Lucas Mejia

Anthem

To Thee We Sing

Peter Tkach

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 272

God of the Sparrow

*Charge and Blessing

Benediction Response The Peace of the Earth Be with You

John Bell

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

L. Boellmann

Announcements

This week's flowers are dedicated to the birthday boys:
Bing Carlson, Bob Black, and Al Jacobsen!

^{*}Please rise, if able.

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S SABBATH?



Children's Sabbath is more than just an opportunity for the wonderful children in our congregation to lead worship. Children's Sabbath also emphasizes urgent problems facing children in our nation (such as food insecurity), encourages intergenerational participation, and calls us to action-oriented follow-up.

Mistletoe Mart Meeting

Sunday, October 23rd following the 10 am service in the Chapel Room.

Please join us as we make preliminary plans for the 2022 Mistletoe Mart, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. This is an opportunity to support and organize the 2022 Mart and your help and ideas will be greatly appreciated. Please come and bring your ideas, concerns, expertise and support. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute your ideas and/or time, please email Julia (Judy) Newton at julianewton@yahoo.com.



COOKING WITH BARBARA KANNER

Sunday, October 23 6 pm

Menu

- Squash Salad with Kale and Roasted Garlic Dressing
- Cast Iron Pull Apart Pandasel





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Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

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Showers 61°	Showers 64°	Cloudy 68°	Mostly Cloudy 67°	AM Showers 64°	Mostly Sunny	AM Showers 60°

ON THE FARM

It is radish and kale season in the learning garden! We are coming to the end of our growing season but we have our last two crops to harvest, which will happen this week. Additionally, as the leaves have started to change and come down, we have a lot of raking to do, and we will be composting all of the leaves in the garden,

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

TODAY is Service Sunday. Please join me in the garden to harvest our kale and radishes, which will be sent to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry along with all of the donations from the Fresh Food Drive.

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Courtney is looking for volunteers to rake leaves for compost in the learning garden. Please let her know if you would like to help!

WORD OF THE WEEK transpiration

WHAT WE ARE READING

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

-Joel 2:23-24



Join the Bedford Bellringers

The Bedford Bellringers have been playing together for over 60 years at BPC. The Bellringers play 3-4 times a year and rehearse on Tuesday evenings, for a few weeks prior to performances. If you are interested in playing with the bells or have any questions, please contact Heidi Michaels at hmichaels425@gmail.com.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir



Joyful Noise will be singing with the adult choir on Sunday, November 6th, during the morning worship service.

Please email Don Hiller-Dupont with any questions at dondupont@outlook.com.

Parents, please join the Joyful Noise Google classroom on our website.



Spirituality Group Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom.

Please email Courtney for more information!

FLOWER DONATIONS

Every week the sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flower arrangements donated and dedicated by congregants.

If you would like to sign up to sponsor a week of flowers, please do so no later than one week prior. Please be sure to include your dedication when you sign up. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.

Go to our website to donate.



Coffee Hour Sign Up

Sunday Coffee Hours have been a wonderful time for congregation members to reconnect with those they haven't seen recently and a nice opportunity to meet new visitors in a casual environment. The church provides the main equipment needed so volunteers only supply the food items. Instructions are provided.

Go to our website to sign up.

Contact Marcy Carlson, Sarah Alley or Michele Eames with questions.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, October 23rd Children's Sabbath Sunday Service and Fresh

Food Drive at 10 am. Service Sunday at 11 am, Mistletoe Mart meeting at 11 am, and Cooking

with Barbara Kanner at 6 pm.

Monday, October 24th Yoga at 9 am.

Tuesday, October 25th Lunch with Friends at 12:30 pm, Quilters at 1 pm

and Bellringers at 7:15 pm.

Wednesday, October 26th Spirituality Group at 7 pm.

Thursday, October 27th Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan

McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.

Friday-Sunday, October 28th – 30th Women's Retreat at Holmes Camp

Sunday, October 30th All Saints' Sunday Service at 10 am and Trunk or

Treat at 6 pm.

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS 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. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email Elyssa **(Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org)** and Jessica at**(Office@bedfordpreschurch.org)** by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

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