

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Palm* by Henri Matisse

# **Palm Sunday**

## **April 10, 2022**

**Prelude** *All Glory, Laud and Honor for Trumpet and Organ*

Arr. Stephen DeCasare  
Brian Kanner, Trumpet

**Children's Procession**

**Introit** *Hosanna* Christian Gregor/arr. R. Bitgood

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship from Psalm 118**

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The Holy One is our strength and our might. God has become  
our salvation!

**People: Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Opening Hymn 88** *All Glory Laud and Honor*

**Confession**

**Call to Confession**

**God, we rejoice at your entry into our lives. Yet, we do not always know how to follow you. We value pride over humility, vengeance over forgiveness, and treachery over peace. In the face of war, we do not know how to defend ourselves without escalating violence. Forgive us and teach us your ways, through your Spirit.**

(Silent confession)

## **Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **Sung Response 303** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!**

## **Time with the Children**

*The children can leave for Sunday Spirit.*

## **Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Anthem**

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

John Baptiste Calkin

**Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 19:28-40*

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## Sermon

*The Stones Shout Out*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

## Prayers of the People

### Joys and Concerns

### 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.

## Offering

### Anthem

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

William Mathias

### \*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

### \*Hymn 89

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Sung Response

*Sevenfold Amen*

John Stainer

**\*Postlude**

*Allegro from Concerto in D for Trumpet*  
Brian Kanner, Trumpet

G. Torelli

### About the "Inner Journey" Banner

Lent is a time of fasting, prayer, and transformation. A time to journey within, to empty ourselves and make room for God. The fieldstone path symbolizes this Inner Journey. There are forty stones representing the forty days Jesus spent praying in the wilderness. I handpainted the dusty, ashen, and desert-like colors to reflect the mood of the unknown. Who knows where our journeys will lead us?

--Karen Eckmeier

*Remember Holy Week with us.*

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14th - 7 pm



On the night before he was arrested, Jesus joined with his friends for a meal. We will also gather together in Fellowship Hall on April 14th at 7 pm for a service to share a simple meal.



### Nativity Farm Opening Work Day

April 16th - 11 am-1 pm



Join us to build both relationships and our learning garden's foundation!

*Remember Holy Week with us.*

## **Good Friday Service**

Online Premier:  
Friday, April 15th - 12 pm

In lieu of a traditional Good Friday service, our confirmands have prepared a video vigil. That video will be available on our YouTube page at noon.

## **Easter Services**

Sunday, April 17th  
9 am & 11 am



## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Easter Sunday, April 17th  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am,  
in between the 9 am & 11 am services.



# *Easter Flowers*

Help us decorate the church for  
Easter!

*With a \$25 donation you can add flowers to the sanctuary. You may also submit a dedication that will appear in the Sunday bulletin.*

You can pay by check or on our website. Dedications should be email or mailed to the office. The deadline is today.



## Easter Reception Volunteers Needed

We will be having our Easter Reception at 10:am, between the services. We need volunteers to help us make this a success. We need people to sign up for the various food items we need that day.

Go to the website to sign up for items.

If you have any questions please email Pat Ferguson - [pkferg1@gmail.com](mailto:pkferg1@gmail.com) or  
Marcy Carlson - [marciabcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:marciabcarlson@gmail.com).



## **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](http://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](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org)) and

Jessica ([Office@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Office@bedfordpreschurch.org))

by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

YOU SHALL BE CALLED  
**REPAIRERS**  
*of the BREACH*

— Isaiah 58

**Special Collection  
on Easter Sunday,  
4/17/22**

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM  
NATURAL DISASTERS,  
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
POOR AND OPPRESSED.

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# Congregational Meeting

In person,  
Sunday, April 24th - 11 am

**Communion is held on the 1st Sunday  
of every month.**



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Hudson River Presbytery

FOR GRANTING US  
\$50,000 FOR  
NATIVITY FARM!



Northern Westchester  
Refugee Resettlement Initiative  
resetwestchester@gmail.com

We are excited that through ReSET Westchester, we now are helping three refugee families!

We are currently looking for financial donations to help support the families and organization. *A link is available on our website to donate. Checks can be made payable to Neighbors Link (ReSET on memo line) and dropped at the church.*

This is an ongoing mission that will need the help of many. Volunteers of all types of involvement are needed and welcomed. There are many committees within ReSET ranging from education, finance, youth, housing, etc. We also need drivers to bring the families to their appointments and such. We would love to have you involved! If you would like to volunteer email [resetwestchester@gmail.com](mailto:resetwestchester@gmail.com).

Email Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee with any questions.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, April 10th** - Palm Sunday.
- **Monday, April 11th** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Tuesday, April 12th** - Lunch with Friends at 12:30 pm & Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, April 13th** - Spirituality Group at 7:30 pm.
- **Thursday, April 14th** - Bible Study at 10 am. Maundy Thursday celebration at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **Friday, April 15th** - Good Friday online service at 12 pm.
- **Saturday, April 16th** - Nativity Farm Opening Work Day. Anytime between 11 am - 1 pm.
- **Sunday, April 17th** - Easter Sunday Worship at 9 am & 11 am. Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am. Easter Reception at 10 am.
- **Sunday, April 24th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am. Congregational Meeting 11 am.

## **Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor  
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## **Our Leadership**

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