

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Maiolica Mural at Resurrection Church by
Masters of Abramtsevo Colony in Vichuga*

Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

Prelude

Adagio from Organ Symphony V

C. M. Widor

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship from Psalm 77

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy.

People: What god is so great as our God?

Leader: Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters;

People: You lead Your people home.

*Opening Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Confession

(Adapted from Rev. Kentina Washington-Leapheart's *Your Silence* based on Psalm 77)

Call to Confession

The pit of despair is dark, Holy One; We subsist on a diet of “what ifs” and replayed mental tapes; Sorrow’s grip on our spirits is like a vice. Our faith tells us that we should pray, that You will hear our call and answer. Help us to believe that you are great, that you lead your people like a flock.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

**I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.**

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, that he may hear me.
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.
I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.
I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.
With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah
When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.
The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.
The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Time with the Children

During the summer months, we do not have Sunday Spirit. Childcare is still provided and children are always invited to stay and participate in the service.

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Sermon

Plowing Ahead

Courtney Steininger

Prayers of the People and 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.


A decorative poster for 'Summer Sundays' events. The background is light gray with a repeating pattern of stylized floral and leaf motifs in green, orange, and yellow. A large green shield-shaped area in the center contains the text. The text is in white and yellow, with the main title in white and the event details in yellow.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

JULY 3•HIKE
10•SUPER SOAKER SUNDAY
17•SUNDAE SUNDAY
24•SERVICE SUNDAY
31•PICNIC

STAFF STRATEGY LISTENING SESSIONS

As the session continues their visioning and long-term planning, they want to hear from you about the structure of our staffing. Please join us June 29th on Zoom. Other dates and locations will be announced soon. You can sign up by emailing Elyssa at elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org. If those dates or times do not work for you, Brian, Jeanne, or Carol would welcome setting up a conversation with you.



Dedicating flowers is a beautiful way
to honor someone and help to
brighten the sanctuary!

Go to our website to sign up.

Don't forget to take home your
beautiful arrangement after worship!

Hour Children Seeking Local Host Families This Summer

After a two-year hiatus, Hour Children, which provides family service programs to incarcerated women and their families, will once again be offering a summer visiting program for children whose mothers are incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Not surprisingly, many of the mothers and children Hour Children serves, particularly those from upstate, have not seen each other during the pandemic and have suffered deeply from the loss of connection.

Local host families, who are critical to the success of this program, are needed for the following dates to be responsible for the child/children's wellbeing:
July 17-20, July 24-27, August 7-10 & August 14-17.

For further information, please contact **Emily Kerr**, Bedford Hills Program Manager, at **615-636-7396** or **ekerr@hourchildren.org**.



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

Our newly arriving, Ukrainian family, needs your immediate help!

Over the past six months, ReSET's volunteers have been busy re-settling three families from Afghanistan. On June 14th, ReSET will be welcoming a Ukrainian family of 5 and their small dog.

Housing: We are looking for a 2-3 bedroom house/apartment that is dog friendly, in Northern Westchester from White Plains to Brewster & close to public transportation. E-mail Resethousingcommittee@gmail.com with leads.

Donate: ReSET needs to raise \$50,000 to cover the cost of housing, medical care, and other basic necessities to care for our new family. We need YOUR help in this fundraising effort. Please go to the church website to donate.

Volunteer: With the family of five from Ukraine arriving soon, we need your help more than ever. If you are interested in helping our families, we have many volunteer opportunities available for you. For more information, please visit the "Volunteer" section on ReSET's website. Resetwestchester.org

Email Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee with any questions.

Neighbors Link, a 501(c)3 organization, is the fiscal sponsor for ReSET

Nativity Farm

Nativity Farm is looking for the following gardening materials (new/used):

- Gardening gloves (children's and adult sizes)
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trowels
- Composting bins
- Hand-forks or claws
- Hoe
- Hand pruners
- Wheel barrows

Please contact Courtney, at courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org to arrange for gardening donations.

Growing season at Nativity Farm is now underway!

We have a variety of tasks for Nativity Farmers of all abilities to help with during the summer months. Shifts will take place on Sundays from 1-3 pm and Thursdays from 4-6 pm. All you need to do is bring water to stay hydrated and clothes to get dirty. If it is raining HEAVILY, the volunteer shift will be cancelled.

Please note that you can fill out the form as many times as you'd like, so feel free to sign up for June shifts now and shifts later in the summer at a later date! As always, reach out to Courtney at Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org with any questions.

To sign up, please use this QR code:





“Coffee & Friends Make the Perfect Blend!”

We are looking for people to sign up to bring food items for coffee hour on Sundays!

You can sign up with a friend or do it yourself!

All details and responsibilities can be located on the SignUpGenius on our website.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Alley or Michelle Eames.

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 (**Office@bedfordpreschurch.org**) by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week’s media.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Monday, June 27th - Yoga at 9 am. Please contact Bobbe Stultz at bobbestultz@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 28th - Lunch with Friends at 12:30.

Thursday, June 30th - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.

Sunday, July 3rd - Sunday Worship and Communion at 10 am and Hike at 11:30.

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