

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Landscape on Lake Geneva by Ferdinand Hodler

“The river of God is full of water...” -Psalm 65

July 10, 2022

Prelude

Adagio in a

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We give thanks to God for the goodness of the earth.

**People: Our voices join in praise with all creation, as the sea foams
and roars, the trees clap their hands, and the birds sing in joy.**

Leader: We live in thanksgiving, as we delight in God's abundance.

People: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Confession

Call to Confession

God of life, you directed us to care for one another and to be stewards of your good creation. We groan that your earth has been plundered, your water has been poisoned, and your air has been polluted. Forgive us and make us agents of healing. Help us to restore your creation. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

**I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.**

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.*

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 65:5-13

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Hymn 554

Let All Things Now Living

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'

And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.'

Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering

***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 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* Henry Purcell

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Announcements



The poster features a central green shield-shaped area with white text. This shield is set against a light gray background with a repeating floral pattern of red, orange, and green leaves and flowers. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title at the top and specific dates and events listed below.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

JULY 17 • SUNDAY SUNDAY

24 • SERVICE SUNDAY

31 • PICNIC

AUGUST 7 • SACRED ART
SUNDAY

14 • LABYRINTH SUNDAY



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
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On June 14th, a Ukrainian family joined us and they are currently in temporary housing. They are a family of 5 with a small dog and we are searching high and low to find them an apartment. We are looking for a 2-3 bedroom, dog friendly apartment or house in Westchester County, ideally close to public transportation. If you know of anyone or have any leads please reach out to **Resethousingcommittee@gmail.com**.

One of our Afghan families is having a baby this week!! We already have many items for the baby that are needed but below is a link for the SignUpGenius for additional baby items. If you would prefer to buy something on Amazon we can give you the address to send it to. Email Elyssa with any questions at **Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org**.

Please go to our website to donate.

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

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**.



2022 School Supply Drive

CCNW is asking for your help to donate PRE-FILLED bags of BRAND-NEW school supplies again this year.

If you would pledge to fill a number of bags (even 1 bag will be a help!) you will be playing a big role in helping us to ensure that all children have the tools they need to succeed when they return to school this Fall. We anticipate that 1,800 children will be relying on our support.

School supply bags with age-appropriate lists inside are available at the Community Center for pick up during regular hours as of June 11th and we ask that they be filled and dropped off by July 30th. Preschool bags cost approximately \$10 to fill, and elementary, middle, and high school bags cost approximately \$25 to fill.

Please help children in our community get back to school with the tools they need to succeed. We can't do it without the support of all of you!

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:



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, July 11th** - Yoga at 9 am
Thursday, July 14th - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**.
Sunday, July 17th - Sunday Worship at 10 am and Sundaes Sunday after the service.

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