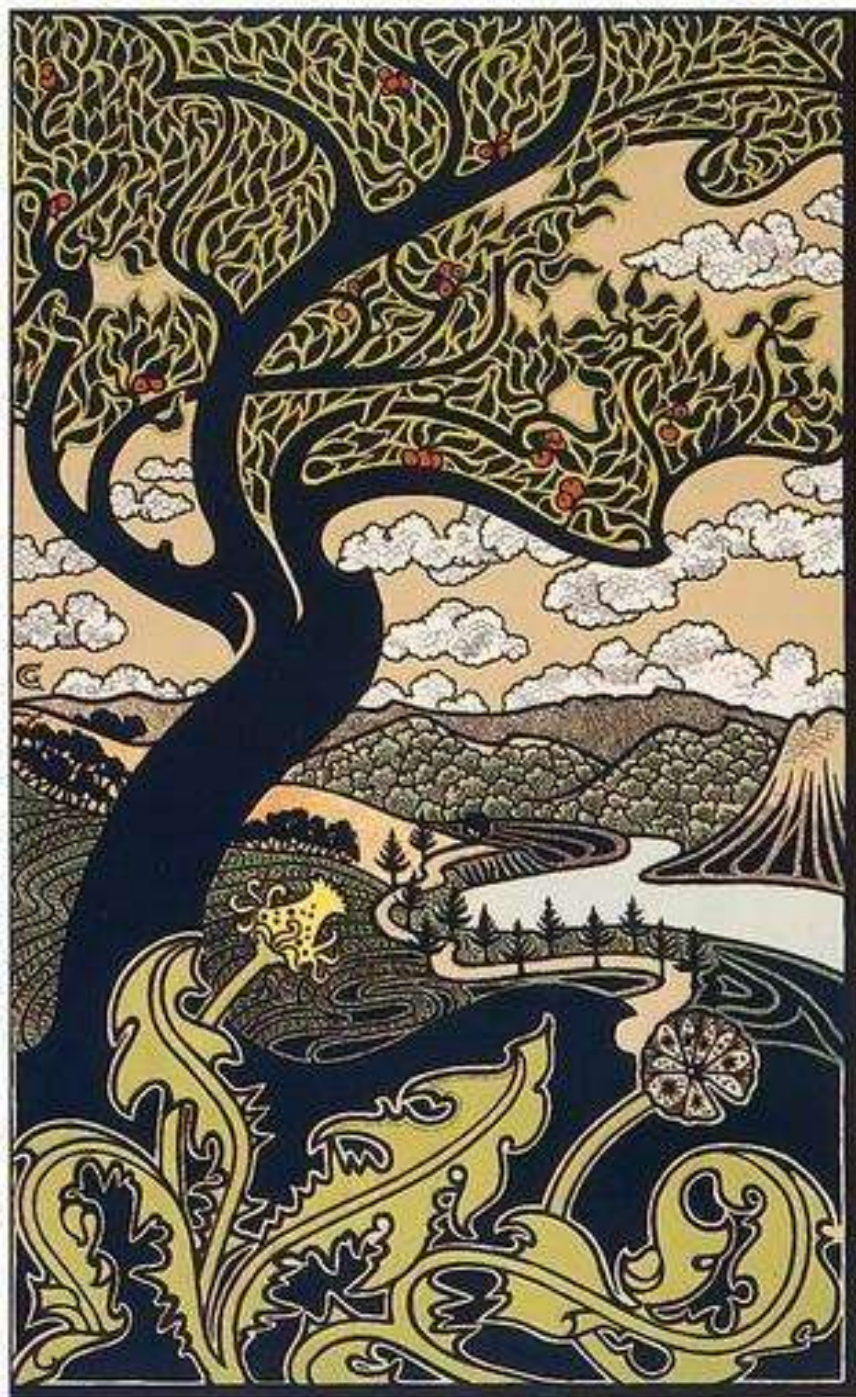


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Gisbert Combaz, "Tree & Valley"

July 17, 2022
Ordinary Time

Prelude *Andante Cantabile from Symphony IV* C. M. Widor

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place!

People: **This is the house of God!**

Leader: In Christ we are no longer strangers;

People: **We are members of the household of God.**

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God;

People: **in him the fullness of God came to dwell.**

*Opening Hymn 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Confession

Call to Confession

For the times we are afraid of the stranger, for the times we refuse the stranger, because we think our resources are just too meager, Lord, forgive us.

For the times we stereotype the stranger as enemy, as dangerous, as inferior somehow, Lord, forgive us.

For the times we are too busy trying to impress our guests—the times we think we are being hospitable, but instead serve only our own needs—Lord, forgive us.

For the times we miss the gift of the stranger, for the times we close our door in fear, for the times we miss your face in the other, Lord, have mercy. Forgive us.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Time with the Children

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

***Hymn 426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I may Speak* Vs. 1, 2, 3

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

* Charge and Blessing

* Postlude *Fuga in D* J. Pachelbel

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Announcements






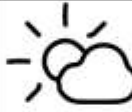



3rd Week

JULY 17-23, 2022

8th Month

Weather: Bedford, NY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
Scattered thunderstorms. High around 85F.	Partly cloudy skies early. A few showers later. High 87F.	Isolated thunderstorms in the morning. High 86F.	Some clouds. High 90F.	Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 90F.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 89F.	Partly cloudy with afternoon showers. High 87F.

SCRIPTURE... Abraham said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant." Genesis 18:3-5

QUESTION...What does Abraham's offer of shade on a hot day teach us about hospitality and honoring God?



THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY FARM...Our potatoes are in their fourth growth stage-tuber bulking. This is what is colloquially called "new potatoes" and they can be harvested or left to continue to mature.

NATIVITY FARMERS' ALMANAC

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP EVERY
WEEK FOR LEMONADE IN FRONT
OF THE CHURCH.



Nativity Farm



We have a variety of tasks for Nativity Farmers of all abilities to help with during the summer months. Shifts will take place:

- Sundays from 1-3 pm
- Thursdays from 4-6 pm

Nativity Farm is also 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

Items can be dropped off at the learning garden.

As always, reach out to Courtney at courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org with any questions.



BENEFICIARIES:
Community Center of Northern
Westchester
Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry

Food from the Market
at Pound Ridge Square

Live Music by
Rockbrokers

Hayrides - Blacksmith
- Beekeeper

To get tickets head to
the enews for the link.

Sunday, July 17th
4 - 7 pm

Bedford Village Memorial Park

Email bbq4bedford@gmail.com for more information.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have some time to spare on
Sunday, and want to make a difference
in your community, we would love your
help in the 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm shifts.

Please email Steve Tortorella @
srtortorella@optonline.net if you are
able to volunteer.

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 on July 27th at Michelle Gosh's house. The next date will be Wednesday, August 17th at 7 pm at the church. You

can sign up for the July date by clicking the link below or emailing Elyssa. If those dates or times do not work for you,

Brian, Jeanne, or Carol would welcome setting up a conversation with you.



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

We have found housing for our Ukrainian family and now we need help to furnish the house.

Please go to our website and use the SignUpGenius to sign up for donations of household items. Items can be new or used. If you have something to donate, please sign up and contact Elyssa at resethousefurnishings@gmail.com.

If you have larger furniture items, please take a picture and measurements and send to the email above.

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

Email Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee with any questions.



COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER
30 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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!

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: **July 24-27th, August 7-10th, August 14-17th.**

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

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 18th** - Yoga at 9 am
Thursday, July 21st - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**.
Sunday, July 24th - Sunday Worship at 10 am and Service Sunday after the service.

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