

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Moonrise by Walter Crane*  
*"The harvest is plentiful..."*

**July 3, 2022**

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather as people from different places, different histories,  
different lifestyles,

**People: Finding friendship for the journey and solidarity for the  
struggle.**

Leader: We gather, around God's welcoming table,

**People: Finding hospitality, with no preferred seating, no firsts, and  
no lasts.**

Leader: We hunger for lives that have meaning and integrity,

**People: Finding God's grace, we are nourished. With the promise of  
God's presence, may we be strengthened.**

**\*Hymn 469**

*Morning Has Broken*

**Call to Confession**

**Confession**

**God, you have called us to work for justice and peace. Yet the labor  
overwhelms us. Building the beloved community seems impossible, and we  
grow exhausted. We find ourselves on the path of hatred, oppression, and  
violence. Forgive us for our slow action, our silence, and our weariness.  
Empower and renew us in our struggle. Through your Spirit, we pray.**

**Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **Sung Response**

**(Sung 2x)**

**I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.**

## **Epistle Lesson**

*Galatians 6:7-16*

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 10:1-11*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to

them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

## **Sermon**

Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

## **Offering**

### **\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

## **Communion**

### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

**People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise...**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

#### **\*Communion**

## **Prayer after Communion 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.

**\*Hymn 561**

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*\*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 as follows:

# SUMMER SUNDAYS

JULY 10 • SUPER SOAKER  
SUNDAY

17 • SUNDAE SUNDAY

24 • SERVICE SUNDAY

31 • PICNIC



Northern Westchester  
Refugee Resettlement Initiative  
[resetwestchester@gmail.com](mailto:resetwestchester@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org).**

**Please go to our website to donate.**

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## 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 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**.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, July 4th -** No Yoga. **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Thursday, July 7th -** Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**.
- Sunday, July 10th -** Sunday Worship at 10 am and Super Soaker Sunday after the service.

## **Staff**

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Courtney Steininger, Director of Christian Education & Youth  
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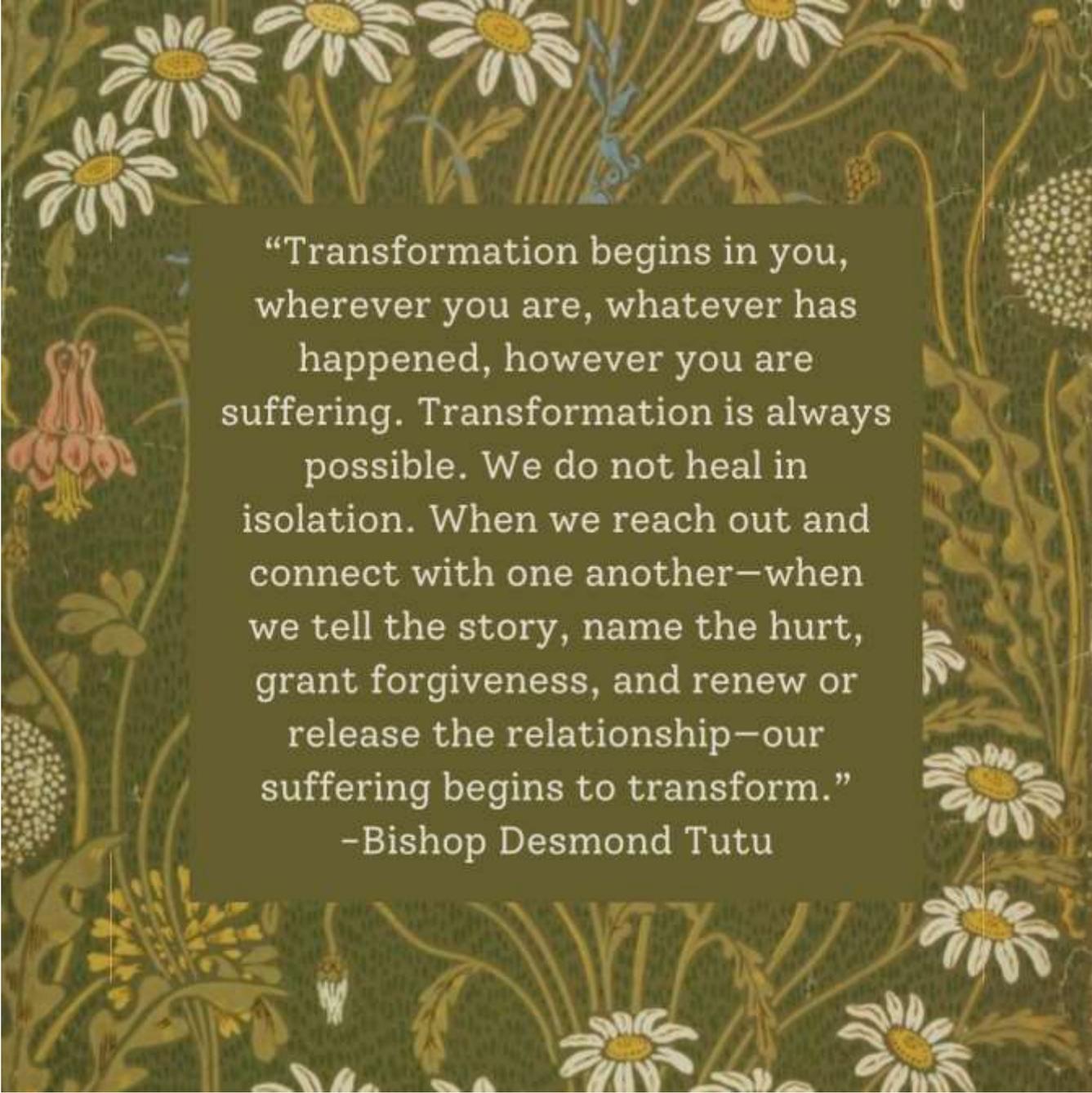
## **Our Leadership**

### **Session**

**Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont**, Linda Burpee,  
Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,  
Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan,  
& Bart Tyler  
Moderator Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

### **Deacons**

**Chair Don Hiller-Dupont**, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,  
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson,  
Kim Lapple, Natasha Mast, & Rebecca Rivard



“Transformation begins in you, wherever you are, whatever has happened, however you are suffering. Transformation is always possible. We do not heal in isolation. When we reach out and connect with one another—when we tell the story, name the hurt, grant forgiveness, and renew or release the relationship—our suffering begins to transform.”  
-Bishop Desmond Tutu