

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Generations of Light" by Yoram Raanan

**Ordinary Time**  
August 21, 2022

**Prelude**

*Veni Creator Spiritus - Plein Jeu*

N. de Grigny

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We may be thirsty and parched, like an un-watered garden, so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Divine One is a spring of water!**

Leader: We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!**

Leader: We may be lost or confused so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!**

Leader: We may be bent over with struggle or pain so we come into God's presence:

**People: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!**

**\*Opening Hymn 325** *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

**Confession**

**Call to Confession**

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We dismiss the prophets you send and ignore your call to service. We waste your gift of Sabbath and reject your offer of healing. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us approach you again with reverence and with awe, giving thanks for your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silent confession)

## **Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **Time with the Children**

*Childcare is provided. Children are always invited to stay and participate in the service.*

## **Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

## **Hymn 320**

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 13:10-17*

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said,

"You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Sermon**

*Finding Life*

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.

### **Offering**

**Anthem**

**\*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 540**

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*Grand Jeu*

N. de Grigny

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

## OUR NEW LOGO



### Announcements

# LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Join us after worship every week  
for lemonade in front of the church.





Welcome  
Back  
Picnic

Sunday,  
September 11th  
11 am





# Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 17th  
at 11 am.

In person at the church.

We will be electing new Elders and Deacons, and there will also be a finance update.



*Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month!*

## LUNCH WITH FRIENDS RETURNS!

Starting September 27th at 12:30 pm.



# SESSION UPDATE

At the last session meeting, we talked about how to keep families engaged as their kids grow older and have commitments to sports and other activities on Sunday mornings. In response, we decided to start a Sunday evening service.

We decided to begin in the fall. We'll gather in a relaxed setting to share a simple meal, listen to great music, and break bread with one another. In the New Year, we can evaluate whether we should continue.

Watch out for more details!

# Yoga

Every Monday in Fellowship Hall  
9 - 10 am ~ \$20 per class

Please email [bobbestultz@gmail.com](mailto:bobbestultz@gmail.com) for information.



A decorative poster for a church service. The background is a light yellow color with a repeating pattern of stylized floral and leaf motifs in green, red, and blue. In the center, there is a dark green shield-shaped area with rounded corners. Inside this shield, the text is arranged in three lines. The top line reads 'SUMMER' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The second line reads 'SUNDAYS' in the same white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The third line reads 'AUGUST 28TH' in orange, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The bottom line reads 'SERVICE SUNDAY' in the same orange, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

**SUMMER  
SUNDAYS**

**AUGUST 28TH**

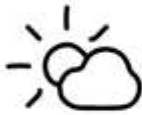
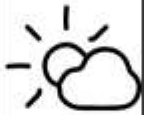





**SERVICE SUNDAY**

4th Week

**AUG 21- 27, 2022**

8th Month

Weather: Bedford, NY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 86F.	Mostly cloudy skies. High 84F.	Potential for scattered thunderstorms. High 81F.	Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. High 83F.	Mostly cloudy skies. High 86F.	Partly cloudy. High near 85F.	Mostly cloudy. High near 85F.

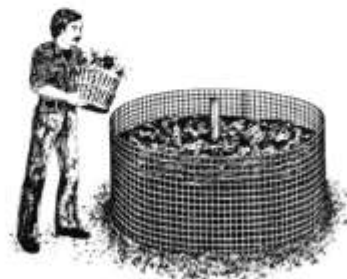


The Haitian Slave Revolt

**SPIRITUAL LESSON...** Tuesday marks the International Day of Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. The transatlantic slave trade contributed to many specific agricultural practices in the United States. Dominion over land and over individuals were understood as the way of life in Colonial America, and we remember this violence this week.

**REFLECTION QUESTION...** Liberation and freedom from bondage are Biblical themes repeated again and again. What does liberation mean to you? Does remembering enslavement in human history change the ways that you think about liberation in our daily lives?

**THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY FARM...**All of our potatoes have now been harvested. This past week, we donated a total of 26.5 lbs of produce to the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry! Now, we have to prepare the empty bed for fall crops. We will be adding compost to the bed so we can plant peas and broccoli for the fall!



NATIVITY FARMERS' ALMANAC

# BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday  
10 - 11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at  
[alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net) for the Zoom link.

All are welcome.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

**Monday, August 22nd** - Yoga at 9 am.

**Thursday, August 24th** -Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net).

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, August 30th – OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sunday, August 28th** -Sunday Worship at 10 am and Service Sunday after worship.

## 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.



## **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

### **Staff**

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