



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Belonging* by Shanna Strauss

# October 8, 2023

## Season of Creation

**Prelude**

*Allegretto from Sonata IV*

F. Mendelssohn

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Introit**

*Silence My Soul*

Francisco Felciano

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Sentences**

from the Ecumenical Season of Creation and Hildegard of Bingen

Leader: We gather in the image of the Creator

**People: who is a community of love.**

Leader: We gather in the name of the Redeemer

**People: who reconciles all of creation.**

Leader: We gather in the presence of the Life Giver

**People: who inspires new life and renews it.**

Leader: Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life,  
Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the  
angels sing; wondrous light of all mysteries known or  
unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

**\*Opening Hymn 458**

*Earth and All Stars*

**Confession**

**People: You blessed us to be a blessing to all nations. But we  
exploit the gifts of creation. Indigenous lands are  
devastated and those who live close to the earth lose  
their ways of life.**

Leader: Let us remember that we are dust of the earth as a  
promise and a call. Our bodies are made of her. We  
breathe her air and receive life from her waters. The  
Creator crosses all boundaries of time and space to  
become flesh so that all creation might live.

**People:** Open our eyes to see that all life abides in you and you in us. Through the waters of baptism, turn us from our will to dominate, reconcile us to one another and all creation, return us to our calling to till and keep your garden.

Leader: Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **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. (Sing 2x)

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**

*You may stand and greet one another.*

## **Time with the Children**

*The children are welcome to stay for the service or they may leave for Sunday Spirit.*

## **Hebrew Bible Lesson** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

## **Anthem**

*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

F. Mendelssohn

## **Poetry Lesson**

*Psalms 19:1-6*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

## **Homily**

Rev. Courtney Steininger

"Affirming the Whole Community of Life"

## **Offering**

### **Anthem**

*Jubilate in B flat*

C. V. Stanford

### **\*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**

## **Prayer Stations for Creation & Commandments**

### **Chant**

*Silence My Soul*

Francisco Felciano

**Silence My Soul; these trees are prayers.  
Silence My Soul; these trees are prayers.  
I asked the tree: Tell me about God.  
Then it blossomed.**

## 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.

**\*Hymn 285**                      *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

### **\*Charge and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**                      *Fourfold Amen*                      John Stainer

**\*Postlude**                                      *Toccata in e*                                      J. Pachelbel

\*Please stand, if you are able.

## **Announcements**

*Please fill out the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.*

### **Child Care Available**

*In addition to Sunday Spirit for elementary school kids, childcare is provided during worship for kids not yet in kindergarten. Please contact Courtney for more information.*

## Cooking for the food pantry

### *Ingredients*

Wednesday,  
October 18th  
12 pm  
BPC Kitchen



### *Instructions*

- 1) Join in with the Westchester Local Food Project
- 2) Cook for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry and the Community Center of Northern Westchester
- 3) Socialize while we cook

Serves: Our community



## All Saints' Day

*Sunday, November 5*

Bring in photos of your  
passed loved ones to place  
in the front.

## Bereavement Group



The bereavement  
group has been  
cancelled for now.



# FLOWER DONATIONS

Every week the sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flower arrangements donated and dedicated by congregants.

If you would like to sign up to sponsor a week of flowers, please do so no later than one week prior. Please be sure to include your dedication when you sign up. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



**BEDFORD**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29

AFTER THE SERVICE

FELLOWSHIP HALL



## Woman 2 Woman Offering a Training in October!

This fall marks the tenth anniversary of this prison ministry founded at Bedford Presbyterian Church in 2013.

Over the past decade, they have connected more than 150 women in the community surrounding Bedford Hills Correctional Facility with 130 individuals incarcerated there. Lots of deep and meaningful friendships have been formed.

Unfortunately, there are many people inside the prison who have been waiting a long time for a visitor. There are lots of newly incarcerated people who have heard about W2W's visiting program and are very interested in participating.

Woman 2 Woman has scheduled a Zoom training for Monday, October 16th from 7 - 9 p.m.

Here's the link:

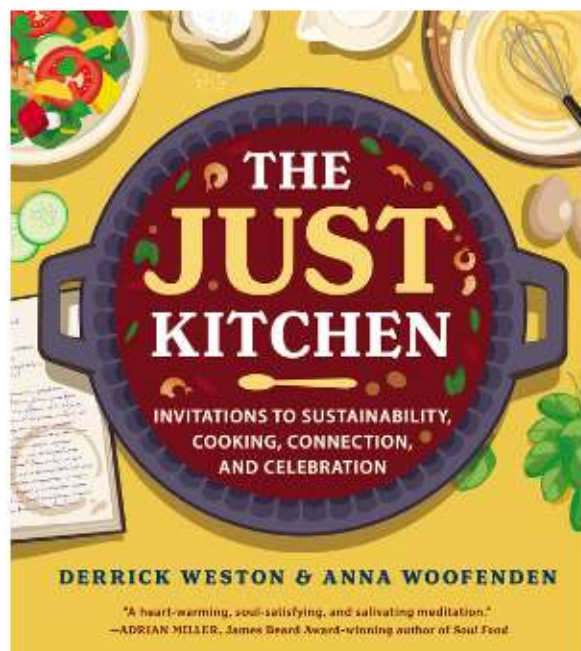
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6193223941>

Meeting ID: 619 322 3941

Please note that in order to become a Woman 2 Woman visitor, you must attend a training session. Even if you do not live in the Bedford area, or in this country, you may want to learn more about this program to consider emulating it where you live.





## *The Just Kitchen*

Book Launch  
October 13, 2023  
2 - 4 pm

Derrick Weston and Rev. Anna Woofenden  
return to BPC to launch their new book  
at Nativity Farm!



## Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm  
Chapel Room.



Learn as you go  
from seasoned  
quilters.

## Bedford Bellringers

If anyone is interested in joining the bell choir or learning more about the bells, please contact Heidi Michaels at [Hmichaels425@gmail.com](mailto:Hmichaels425@gmail.com) or (914) 263-8659.



**The Mount Kisco  
Interfaith Food Pantry**

Please click on the Take a Bite out of Hunger link at  
[www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org](http://www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org) or scan the QR code to the right.



The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry is a  
501(c)(3) charity and contributions are  
tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.



# **TAKE a BITE out of HUNGER**

**October 15th, 2023  
1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Captain Lawrence Barrel House  
369 LEXINGTON AVENUE, MOUNT KISCO, NY**

*suds • sliders • songs*

**FEATURING MUSIC BY THE FOUR26**

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 5 PM**

**ANIMALS OF ALL FAITHS AND DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME**



## **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

**October 26th at 12:30 pm,  
in the chapel room.**

**Bring your bag lunch and join us as we connect  
with each other and make new friends.**

**You don't need to be a member of  
Bedford Presbyterian Church to attend.**

## 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 Jessica at **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org** & Elyssa at **Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org** by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

### Upcoming Events at a Glance

#### Sunday, October 8th

10 am	Worship
11 am	Coffee Hour

#### Monday, October 9th

9 am	Yoga
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#### Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

12:30 pm	Lunch with Friends
1 pm	Quilting

#### Thursday, October 12th

10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at <b>alanmcd@verizon.net</b> .
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#### Friday, October 13th

2 pm	Book Launch for <i>The Just Kitchen</i> .
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#### Sunday, October 15th

10 am	Worship & Youth Collection
11 am	Coffee Hour & Session Meeting
5 pm	Blessing of the Animals

# **Our Leadership**

## **Session**

**Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, President Michelle Gosh,**

Linda Burpee (Mission),  
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),  
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),  
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),  
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),  
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)  
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

## **Deacons**

**Chair Kim Lapple,** Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,  
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, &  
Diane Palmento

## **Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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