



# BEDFORD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Hunger* by Walter Ufer

This 1919 painting depicts spiritual hunger as the world reckons with the aftermath of both the Spanish Flu and World War I.

# Third Sunday of Lent

## March 12, 2023

Prelude	<i>Meditation</i>	C. M. Widor
Introit	<i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	A. Dvorak

### Ringing of the Bells

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together, hungry and thirsty for goodness.

**People: Satisfy us so that we might offer hospitality, food, and rest to the hungry and weary.**

Leader: We long to overcome the injustice that brings about hunger. And we yearn to overcome the insecurity, scarcity, and suffering.

**People: Embolden us to share our resources and to ensure that everyone in our communities live abundant lives.**

\*Opening Hymn     *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*     \*\*Please see insert.

#### Confession

Leader: We recognize that the food that sustains life is denied to many in this unjust world.

**People: We remember the farmers who are forced them to sell their produce for less than the cost of production.**

Leader: We recognize that many communities do not have access to fresh food.

**People: We recognize that local resources, small farmers and their traditional knowledge and innovations are neglected.**

Leader: We acknowledge that increasingly, the earth and the soil are being stripped of richness, depleted of diversity, and being poisoned.

**People:** We acknowledge that we have not sufficiently cared for the precious soil. We have not listened to the people who live closest to it.

Leader: God, we seek your forgiveness.

**People:** May the food we eat sustain our lives to serve God and God's creation. May our choices bind us to the environment and our communities.

(Silent confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

**People:** And also with you.

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

*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.*

### **Anthem**

*Call To Remembrance*

R. Farrant

### **Gospel Lesson**

*John 4:5-42*

So, Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

## Sermon

Courtney Steininger

## Offering

### Minute for Mission

Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry

### Anthem

*Wash Me Thoroughly*

S. Wesley

### \*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

### Joys and Concerns

### Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

#### 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 303**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Sung Response**

*Twofold Amen*

H. Purcell

**\*Postlude**

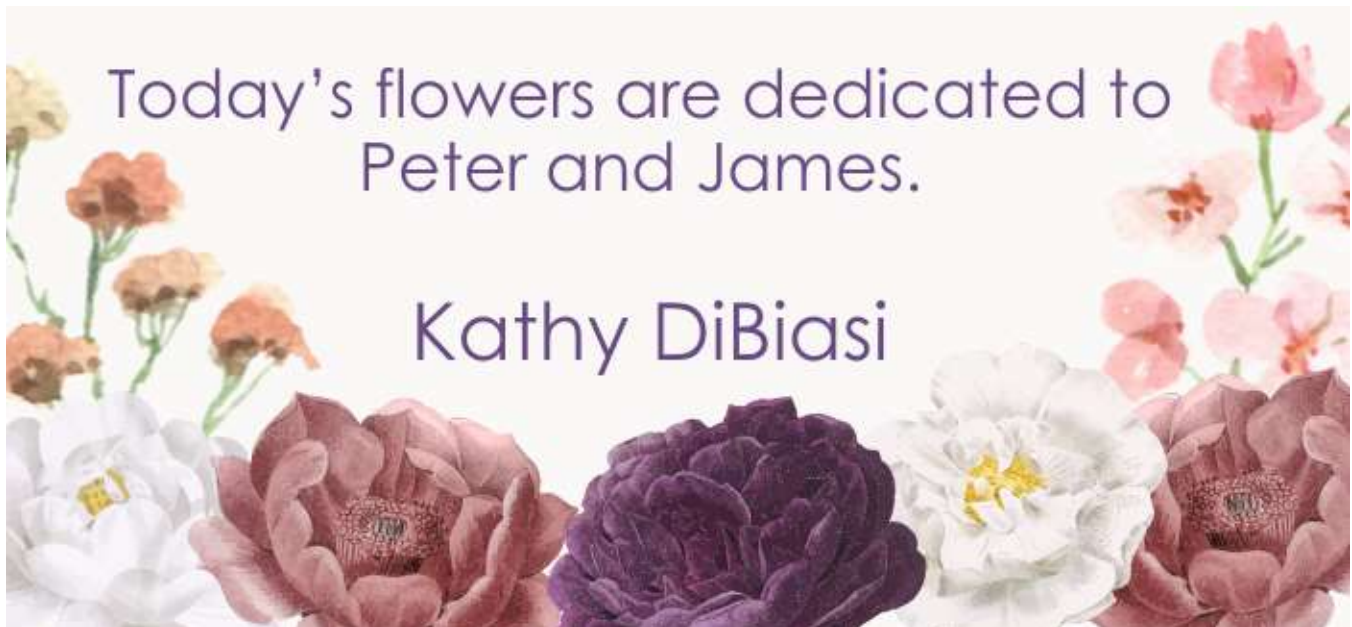
*Dialogue – Agnus Dei*

Francois Couperin

\*Please stand, if able

### **Announcements**

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



Our summer mission trip to Webster Springs, WV will take place on June 25 - July 2. Please reserve your spot with Courtney!

# Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the church for Easter!

*With a \$25 donation you can add flowers to the sanctuary. You may also submit a dedication that will appear in the Sunday bulletin.*

*You can pay by check or on our website. Dedications should be email or mailed to the office. Deadline is March 30th.*



## Holy Week & Easter

### 2023 Schedule



Palm Sunday  
April 2, 10 am  
Worship service featuring Bell Choir



Maundy Thursday  
April 6, 7 pm  
Worship with simple meal in  
Fellowship Hall




Easter Sunday  
April 8, 9 & 11 am worship  
Reception & Easter Egg Hunt at  
10 am



# PAINT & PIZZA

*Saturday, April 1st 6 pm*

- Join us at 6 pm for pizza
- Painting begins at 6:30 pm
- Ages 9 & up is recommended
- All are welcome! Bring your friends!



Go to website,  
E-NEWS or  
email Elyssa to  
RSVP



**RECOMMENDED  
DONATION OF \$20**

## Spring Youth Group Schedule

- **March 15th, 6pm**  
Preparation for Midnight Run
- **March 17th, 8 pm**  
Midnight Run into NYC with TST
- **March 25th**  
The Power of Trees Community  
Forum with WYA
- **April 14th, 6:30 pm**  
Neighbors Link Family Night
- **April 19th, 6pm**  
Climate Justice youth Forum with  
TST
- **April 30th, 3pm**  
Cottage School Volunteer  
Basketball Clinic with TST



# Senior Luncheons



March 30th & May 4th

Join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of friends (old and new). Everyone is invited, women, men, and couples, to reconnect and connect anew after our past two years of being so isolated. Bring a friend who is not a member of BPC if you'd like. Maintaining our connections is very important to many of us, so please join us on the above dates.

Please bring your bag lunch and come whenever you can.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

MARCH 20 - MARCH 26



***We need many more volunteers!***

ESP starts on Monday, March 20th. We are looking for volunteers for the following dates and items:

- Dinner: 3/21, 3/24 - 3/26
- Dessert: 3/23 - 3/26
- Soda/Juice: 3/22 - 3/26
- Snacks: 3/22 - 3/26

All items except for dinner can be bought and dropped off at the church and labeled with the date. Specific details about each are located at the top of the SignUpGenius.

**Go to our website or use the link in our E-NEWS to sign up.**

Email Elyssa with any questions.  
Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org.

3rd Week















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3rd Month

MAR 12 - 18, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Mostly Sunny 46°	Rain 43°	Snow Showers 38°	Partly Cloudy 39°	Partly Cloudy 46°	Partly Cloudy 48°	Rain/ Snow Showers 47°

WHAT WE ARE READING

"When the world tolerates the vicious suffering of hungry people, the church is called to speak out and share all that we have. When powers and principalities regularize exploitation, the church stands with the exploited and witnesses to the fullness of life God intends for all. When people are made poor and vulnerable or reduced to objects of pity, the church builds relationships of dignity and equality among all." -Rev. Rebecca Barnes

WORD OF THE WEEK

Food sovereignty

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**SEARCHING FOR  
PROFESSIONAL  
WEBSITE DESIGNER.**

**PLEASE EMAIL CAROL OR ELYSSA IF YOU HAVE ANY  
RECOMMENDATIONS.**



You are invited to

# THE PROM SHOP

AT THE COMMUNITY SHOP

196 Katonah Avenue, Katonah, NY 10536

Come find your entire stylish Prom outfit **free of charge!**

Our Prom Shop has an amazing selection of short dresses, long dresses, jewelry, bags, shoes, tuxedos and suits to complete your look for a magical evening of fun at your Prom!



**NO APPOINTMENT  
NEEDED!**  
Just bring your school ID

If none of the dates and times works for you,  
please email us at  
[nsorgi@communitycenternw.org](mailto:nsorgi@communitycenternw.org)!

*All calls will be kept strictly private and confidential.*

## PROM SHOP IS OPEN:

Sunday, March 26 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, March 27 - from 3pm to 7pm

Sunday, April 16 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, April 17 - from 3pm to 7pm

Sunday, April 23 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, April 24 - from 3pm to 7pm

Sunday, May 7 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, May 8 - from 3pm to 7pm



COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER  
Westchester County's Community Resource Center

84 Bedford Road, Katonah, NY 10536  
914.232.6572 | [communitycenternw.org](http://communitycenternw.org)

# 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. You can sign up, enter your

dedication and make your \$50 secure online donation on the BPC website.

Checks and dedications can also be sent to the church office.



## Upcoming Events at a Glance

<b>Sunday, March 12th</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time</b>
10 am	Worship
11 am	Second Sunday Soup
<b>Monday, March 13th</b>	
9 am	Yoga
<b>Tuesday, March 14th</b>	
12:30 pm	Lunch with Friends
1 pm	Quilting
7:15 pm	Bells Practice
<b>Thursday, March 16th</b>	
10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at <b>alanmcd@verizon.net</b> .
7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, March 17th</b>	
8 pm	Midnight Run (Off Site)
<b>Sunday, March 19th</b>	
10 am	Worship & Youth Collection

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