



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Earthquake" by John Lautermilch

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Via Lucis Stations of the Resurrection

Prelude

O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing

J. Dandrieu

Introit

Christ is Risen

J. Noyon

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight them.

People: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

Unison Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 122

Thine Is the Glory

First Station

Earthquake

Matthew 28: 2-4

People: This is the day the Lord has made!

Second Station

At the Tomb

Mark 16: 1-8



“‘He is risen. Look, there is the place they laid him’ Mark 16-6”
by Michael Torevell

Confession

Lord, we lack in courage. If we came to your tomb like the women came early on the first day of the week, fear and sorrow would overwhelm us. So often, we doubt without hope, and do not heed the angel’s message, “Do not be afraid.”

Change our hearts and grant us courage, that we may ever follow where you have gone before.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

(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

This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

Third Station

Peter and the Beloved Disciple

John 20: 2-10

Leader: Those who sowed with tears, alleluia.

People: Will reap with songs of joy, alleluia.

Fourth Station

Mary Encounters the Risen Lord

John 20: 11-18



"Mary Magdalene encounters the risen Christ – Mosaic"

Leader: The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name, alleluia.
People: And they follow because they know his voice, alleluia.

Fifth Station

On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13-25

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Sixth Station

In the Breaking of the Bread

Luke 24: 28-32

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly,

“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Leader: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus, alleluia.

People: In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Seventh Station

The Upper Room

John 20: 19-23

Eighth Station

The Risen Lord and Thomas

John 20: 24-29



“Christ Shows Himself to Thomas” by Rowan LeCompte and Irene LeCompte in the Washington National Cathedral

Homily

Seeing by the Light

Courtney Steininger

Offering and Children's Offering

Anthem *Regina Coeli/O Queen of Heaven Be Joyful* A. Lotti

***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

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, the power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn 108**

Christ is Alive

***Charge and Blessing**

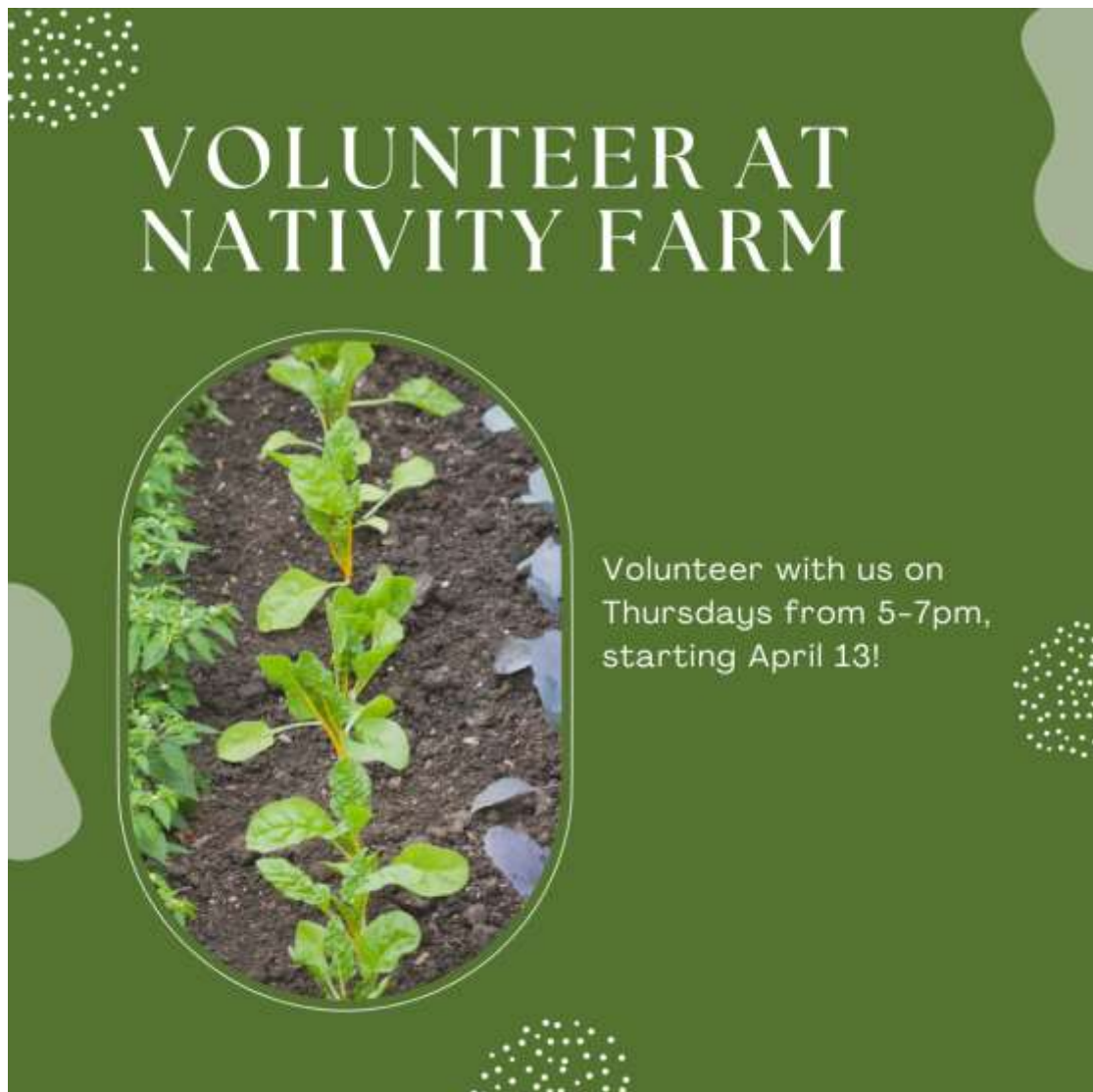
Benediction Response *Peace is My Last Gift to You* J. McGregor

***Postlude** *Christ Lay in Death's Bonds* J. S. Bach

*Please stand, if able

Announcements














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



APRIL 16 – 22, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
AM Showers 66°	Showers 64°	Mostly Cloudy 57°	Partly Cloudy 59°	Mostly Sunny 70°	Partly Cloudy 67°	Showers 65°

ON THE FARM

We have officially taken the tops off of our winter sowing experiments. Additionally, our garlic has begun to grow and is roughly eight inches tall, depending on which variety. Our seeds that we planted inside on Palm Sunday have also begun to sprout and will be brought outside soon.

We also had our first outdoor workday on Thursday, and have begun to clear the area where the old garden was to be used to grow corn, beans, and squash this summer.

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Continue to clear the garden, water and monitor our seedlings, and direct sow cold hardy crops.

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our volunteer hours at the farm are Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Please join us! If you are unable to volunteer during that time, let Courtney know or volunteer at any of the other Westchester Local Food Project gardens in the area.

WHAT WE ARE READING

Easter tide is a season to rejoice, remember our baptism, and discern what Christ's Resurrection means... Even so, we know that God's creation is experiencing an extended Good Friday. The first job description God gave to humans was to till and keep the garden (Genesis 2:15). But those first humans quickly became distracted with a desire for power and a need to consume beyond the limits God set for them.

And so, in the words of poet Wendell Berry, we practice resurrection. We plant trees, drill boreholes and distribute nets and vaccines. We supplement food and restock waters and respond to ever-increasing, ever-intensifying disasters. And we look toward the biblical vision of the New Jerusalem – a Spirit-led community with clean water, life-giving fruit trees, and peace among the nations.

-Rev. Jenny Phillips

WORD OF THE WEEK
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SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
10 AM DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



THE WORLD BELOVED A BLUEGRASS MASS

BY CAROL BARNETT

MADE POSSIBLE BY
THE FERGUSON MEMORIAL
MUSIC FUND

THIS WONDERFUL MUSICAL SELECTION WILL BE
PLAYED WITH A 5-PIECE BLUEGRASS BAND AND
FEATURES DANA KATOK AS SOPRANO SOLOIST.

Senior Luncheons



May 4th at 12:30 pm

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 so very important.

Please bring your bag lunch and come whenever you can.



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

Upcoming Youth Group Events with Temple Sharaay Tefila

- *April 19th - 6 pm*
Climate Justice youth Forum
- *April 30th - 3 pm*
Cottage School Volunteer Basketball Clinic

Please contact Courtney for more information.



MOUNT KISCO INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

BPC Volunteer Day

BPC is organizing a Volunteer Day for adults & youth (16 yrs. or older) at The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry's distribution on Tuesday, April 25th.

Sign-up times are: 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm or both

SIGN UP THROUGH OUR E-NEWS, OR...

Email Cecilia Rosenblum at clr4tny@optonline.net or Sharon Siedell at sps1256s@gmail.com with any questions.

COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER'S 7TH ANNUAL MOMS FOR MOMS DRIVE

May 1 through May 15, 2023



Please help local mothers who turn to CCNW for support by donating to our drive for diapers, wipes, baby food and feminine care products!

Moms for Moms has collected over 10,000 pounds of diapers and wipes over the last 6 years!

WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF:

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6)
- Baby Food
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Care Products

Purchase online through our Amazon wishlist by scanning the QR code and have it delivered directly to the Center, or drop your donations in person at the Center's donation room!



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RECURRING EVENTS AT BPC

- Yoga – Every Monday between 9 and 10 am
- Lunch with Friends – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month at 12:30 pm
- Quilting- Every Tuesday at 1 pm
- Bible Study – Every Thursday at 10 am via Zoom.
- Choir Practice – Every Thursday at 7 pm
- Coffee Hour – Sundays after worship at 11 am. Please sign up to host.
- Flower donations for Sunday Worship. Please sign up to dedicate flowers.

Please go to our website or call the church office for more information.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, April 16th

10 am

Worship & Youth Collection

Monday, April 17th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, April 18th

1 pm

Quilting

Thursday, April 20th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**

5 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session

7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 23rd

10 am

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** 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.

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),
Suzanne Millette (Finance), Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

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VIA LUCIS

Stations of the Cross, or *Via Crucis*, is a traditional devotion commemorating the Passion of Christ. However, the Passion only reflects half of the Paschal Mystery surrounding Easter. Stations of the Resurrection, or *Via Lucis*, complements the Stations of the Cross by leading individuals through scripturally-recorded incidents following the Resurrection.

There are still no universally-agreed upon list of the Stations of the Resurrection, nor have any Church authorities sought to impose a definitive list. Some Stations of the Resurrection end with the Ascension, others with Pentecost. Today, we are only focusing on eight Stations, which brings us through the lectionary text for the Second Sunday of Easter.

