



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Disciples Peter and John Running to the Tomb on the Morning of the Resurrection" by Eugene Burnand

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Prelude *Wondrous King, All-Glorious, Sovereign Lord Victorious*
For Trumpets, Timpani and Organ S. Karg-Elert

Introit *An Easter Greeting* M. How

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We seek you on the road to freedom. Weary from the suffering we've endured, the grief we've absorbed, and the abandonment we've felt.

People: We go to the tomb. Terrified by your absence, worried for your followers, and anxious for the future.

Leader: We see your risen self. Crying through our confusion, clinging to our hope, and finding our liberation.

People: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 123** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Prayer of Confession

O God of new life, the lilies lift their heads from the earth, and the blossoms appear on bare limbs. The world around us is coming to life. And yet, we cling to fear and death. We nurture our grievances and refuse to forgive. We villainize one another, creating grudges, and stoking hatred. We poison our waters, pollute the earth, and damage the air.

Help us to remember that your mercy is new every morning. As the sun rises, remind us of your renewed love. Let us remember that grace, so that we might share it with one another.

(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.

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Anthem

He Shall Reign

Craig Courtney

Gospel Lesson

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Hymn 118

The Day of Resurrection!

Offering

Anthem

The Glory of Christ

K. Lee Scott

***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

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 104** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *The Right Hand of the Lord Has Triumphed!*
James McGregor

***Postlude** *Toccata from Organ Symphony V* C. M. Widor

*Please stand, if able

A big thank you for the two trumpets, Kerry MacKillup and Seneca Black and our timpani player Abbott Fleur.

Announcements

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

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.



Thank you to the following
people for donating money to
ensure that our sanctuary was
beautifully decorated for Easter.

Rick & Anne Bentzen ~ *For all our blessings and the joy of life.*

Hope & Bob Black ~ *In appreciation of our five wonderful grandchildren.*

Bing & Marcy Carlson ~ *In thanks for our wonderful family and friends.*

Kathy & Peter DiBiasi ~ *Dedicated to our children, Peter and James.*

The Lapple-Gosh Family ~ *In memory of Marie Mahar & In memory of Marty Gosh.*

Carla Hawryluk ~ *In memory of my daughter Christa, son-in-law,
Jeff and my grandchildren, Theo & Phoebe.*

Marilyn Hermansen ~ *In Loving memory of Roy Hermansen.*

Brian and Don Hiller-Dupont ~ *Dedicated to Brandon, with love from Daddy and Papa.*

Jackpot, Mike, and Mary Lou Pappas ~ *In loving memory of our sweet Sugar.*

Sue Kelly ~ *In honor of my parents, Harold and Carrie Weisenbarger.*

Alan & Joan McDougall ~ *In memory of their parents,
Marge & Archie McDougall and Sadie & Bobby Woods.*

Jean Palmer ~ *Thanks for family and friends.*

The Sayer Rosenthal Family ~ *In loving memory of our parents, John and Ebba Sayre.*

Andrew Strawcutter ~ *To Mother, born 4/12/22, with love and gratitude.*

VOLUNTEER AT NATIVITY FARM



Volunteer with us on
Thursdays from 5-7pm,
starting April 13!

















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

APRIL 9 - 15, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
<i>Easter</i>				<i>Volunteers needed</i>		
						
Sunny 55°	Sunny 64°	Partly Cloudy 69°	Partly Cloudy 75°	Sunny 83°	Partly Cloudy 79°	Partly Cloudy 74°

WHAT WE ARE READING

"The crucifixion and resurrection remind Christians of the full range of human possibility. We see fear and self-centeredness and betrayal, but also courage and self-sacrifice and redemption. We learn that God's grace allows us to overcome our despair and doubt. Indeed, our faith really begins after Easter, when the good news begins to spread and believers are challenged to take it to the far ends of the earth. Let us demonstrate our love for God, for creation, and for our fellow human beings by facing up to our huge and immensely complicated challenges and acting as if we believe that we are both recipients of God's grace and stewards of God's creation."

-Bishop John R. Schol

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

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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.



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.



Spring Youth Group Schedule

April 14th - 6:30 pm

Neighbors Link Family Night

April 19th - 6 pm

**Climate Justice youth forum
with Temple Shaaray Tefila**

April 30th - 3 pm

**Cottage School Volunteer
Basketball Clinic with Temple Shaaray Tefila**

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, April 9th

9 am

10 am

11 am

Easter Sunday

Worship

Easter Reception & Easter Egg Hunt

Worship

Monday, April 10th

9 am

OFFICE CLOSED

Yoga

Tuesday, April 11th

12:30 pm

1 pm

Lunch with Friends

Quilting

Thursday, April 13th

10 am

5 pm

7 pm

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

Nativity Farm Work Session

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 16th

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.

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),
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