



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Brassica rapa by Elizabeth Blackwell

August 6, 2023
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Prelude V

Bach

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences** from Psalm 17

Leader: We call to you, God, for you answer us. Give us your attention, hear us out.

People: Show us your wonderful love. Save those who seek refuge.

Leader: Keep a loving eye on us. Guard us under your wings, hide us from those who attack, from the predators who surround us.

People: Then we will wake and be satisfied. We will see your Face and be filled with your presence.

***Opening Hymn 473** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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Call to Confession

Loving God, too often we cut ourselves off from our family and friends. We let arguments tear us apart, resentments fester, and bitterness grow. Lead us to life-giving connection and help us to forgive, so that we might receive your blessings and be at peace, through your Holy Spirit.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

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

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Offertory

Safe Within Your Arms

Mark Hayes

*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

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Breaking of the Bread

*Communion

Hymn Medley II Arr. Nathan Schaumann

Prayer after Communion 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn 540** *God Be With You till We Meet Again* RANDOLPH

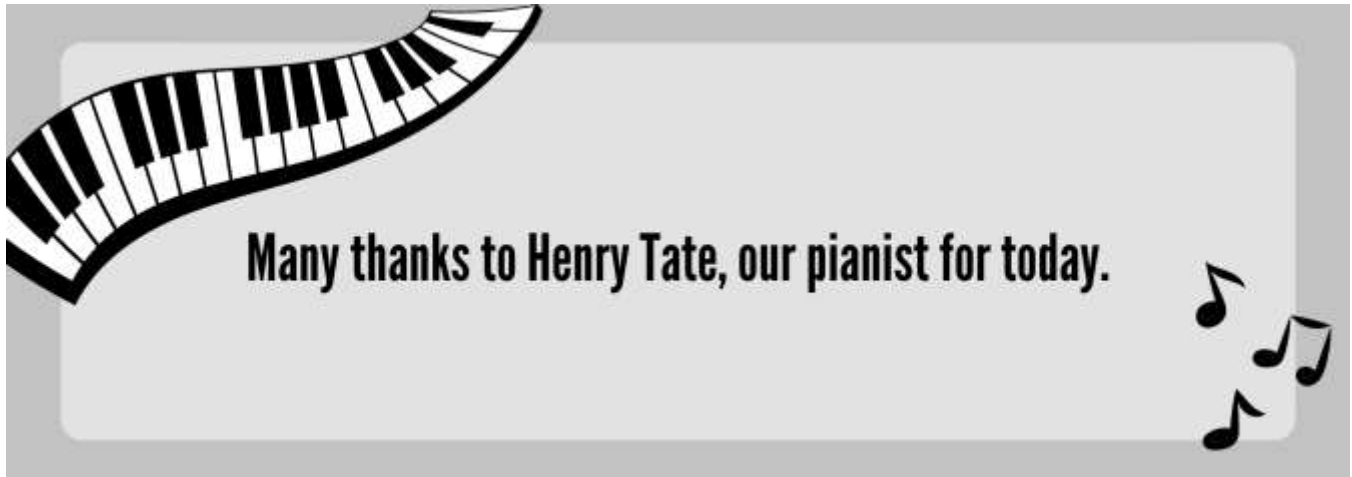
*Charge and Blessing

***Postlude** *Fuga V* Bach

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

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



Cooking for the food pantry SERVES: OUR COMMUNITY
PREP TIME: JUST SHOW UP

Next session, Wed, Aug. 9th	1) Help us prep food from
Continues every	Nativity Farm with the
other Wednesday.	Westchester Local Food Project
1 - 3 pm	2) Socialize while we cook
BPC Kitchen	3) Serve our community!



JOYFUL NOISE

At BPC we love music! We want every kid to have a chance to sing. We would love to have kids of all ages join us to sing throughout the year. Songs will be posted online and then rehearsed the morning of the performance. Our first performance this fall will be September 17th.



Writing the River

A Pilgrimage and Writer's Workshop to Israel and Palestine.

April 2-13, 2024

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Sea of Galilee.

Learn more here:



Cover Art

This summer, we are featuring botanical art, in celebration of the pollinator garden and Nativity Farm.

This is a watercolor by Elizabeth Blackwell (1707-1758). Blackwell was one of the first botanical artists to draw, etch, and hand color her own designs. This piece was part of a book that supported her family and got her husband out of debtor's prison. Read more about her fascinating life by scanning the QR code.















-Carol



AUG 6- AUG 12, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Partly Cloudy 83°	Scattered Rain 80°	Partly Cloudy 83°	Partly Cloudy 83°	Thunderstorms 82°	Partly Cloudy 83°	Showers 82°

ON THE FARM

We have been trimming our tomato bushes as we await the fruit to be ready to pick. We have begun to hand-pollinate our corn.

Additionally, our harvests have grown more bountiful. We have been able to harvest all of our garlic and potatoes. We have also begun to harvest cucumbers, squash, and zucchini. We have also been able to harvest more beets, radishes, and carrots. Peppers and tomatoes will be harvested shortly!

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for cooking every other Wednesday at 1pm in the church kitchen!

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.

We will also have a cooking event every other Wednesday through the rest of the growing season. If you don't want to support Nativity Farm with labor in the garden, please come chop vegetables and help us prepare meals for the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry!

WHAT WE ARE READING

August 9 is International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. We are employing indigenous practices in our learning garden. The Three Sisters is the native legend of how the crops corn, beans, and squash came to be grown together in so many different native cultures, and we have them growing together in our learning garden as well. Additionally, the Three Sisters represent what servant-leadership can look like in our community:

Comparing the six determinants of successful cross-sector partnerships with aspects of successful plant partnerships reveals a number of analogies between facilitating collaboration of organizations and gardening. Successful plant combinations have in common that the individual plants share the same soil requirements and have the same need for sunshine—or, if not, that one of the plants provides shade for the other partners.- Dr. Thorsten Grahn

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Continue to water plants and harvest!

JOIN US AT THE

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Save the date for our annual Welcome Back Picnic. It will be another wonderful day to enjoy great company and food!



Sunday, September 10th - 11 am



FALL 2023 COFFEE HOUR

Everyone loves a good BPC coffee hour! It provides us all with a time to socialize, connect, and strengthen our ties as a community. In order to have coffee hour on a consistent basis, Bedford Presbyterian Church will be asking each family to co-host a coffee hour once a year. The deacons will organize the Sunday assignments for our families in August and then we will send all members the information, including the date that we are asking for their help, via email.

Some members would prefer to choose their Sunday. Great! If you would like to choose the Sunday to host, please let Kim Lapple know via email (kjlapple@gmail.com) asap. We'd ask that all requests be sent to Kim by August 1st.

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, August 6th

10 am Worship and Communion
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, August 7th

9 am Yoga

Wednesday, August 9th

12 pm Cooking for the Food Pantry

Thursday, August 10th

10 am Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall
at **alanmcd@verizon.net**
5 pm Nativity Farm Work Session

Sunday, August 13th

10 am Worship
11 am Coffee Hour & Super Soaker Sunday

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

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Diane Palmento

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