



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Flower Garden" by Gustav Klimt

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Prelude

S. Karg-Elert

Wondrous King, All-Glorious, Sovereign Lord Victorious
Trumpets, Timpani and Organ

Ringling of the Bells

Introit

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

C. V. Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Sentences

Leader: On the first day of the week, you brought to birth a
new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus.

**People: Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings,
so that we may share the good news of your liberating,
life-giving love with all the world.**

*Opening Hymn 123 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Confession

God of life, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and we pass by those who mourn. We ignore the cries of the oppressed, and we are indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak, and we abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

***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 Reading

John 20:1-18

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.

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.

Anthem *He Shall Reign* Craig Courtney

Sermon Rev. Carol Howard

Hymn 118 *The Day of Resurrection*

Offering

Anthem *Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful* S. Drummond Wolff

***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

O most compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you. May we work with you to establish your new order of justice peace and love. Give us what we need for growth, And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil. For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

*Charge and Blessing

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

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

*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.

Greeters and Ushers

Thank you to Bing and Marcy Carlson for being our greeters for both the 9 am and 11 am worship services.

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Thank you to today's ushers: Jason Welsch for the 9 am service and David Keeffe for the 11 am service.



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

The Barnard Family - In loving memory of our mother, Diana Barnard Richter -- from her children Jenny Barnard, Becky Vanderheijden, Chuck Barnard, and Patrick Barnard.

From the Bentzen family - In joyful gratitude for the blessings and promise of Easter.

Hope and Bob Black - Happy Easter to our family and friends.

Carter Cramer & Kirsten Tegtmeier - In Loving Memory of Brenda Kelly Kramer & in Celebration of Emma Grace Atkinson's Second Easter!

Bruce and Vickey Dey - In celebration of our children - Victoria, Griffin & Olivia. A blessing of life. Thank you to the congregation for all your prayers for our son. "Strong Congregations are born out of individuals being their best selves".

Kathy & Peter DiBiasi - Happy 21st Birthday James!

Gail Edwards - In memory of George Edwards.

The Glod-Hayes Family - In memory of George F. Glod

Marilyn Hermansen - In Loving memory of Roy Hermansen.

Brian and Don Hiller-Dupont - In honor of our son, Brandon, and in dedication to loved ones past and present.

The Mann Family - In memory of Jack and Lillie Lee & Ted and Patricia Mann. Treasured. Cherished always in our hearts.

Alan & Joan McDougall - "In Joy and Gratitude for Our Family".

Judy Newton - Dedicated to my grandchildren, Brendan, Claire, Sadie, James and Cecily.

Jean Palmer - In loving memory of my husband, Joe Palmer, family and friends.

Mary Lou, Jackpot and Mike Pappas - In memory of our Sugar.

Andrew Strawcutter - With gratitude for the blessings of Easter and the promise of Spring.

The Touzeau Family - Welcome "home" to Bing and Marcy Carlson! So glad to see you rose up from NC to join us today! Happy Easter from the Touzeau Family.

James & Kelly Walker - These flowers symbolize our appreciation for the warmth and support Pastor Carol and the BPC community has shown us through our journey in faith and love.

Free to Read Book Group

Sunday, April 28 at 12:15pm

Antioch Baptist Church

3 Church Street, Bedford Hills



King and the Dragonflies
by Kacen Callender
Senior, Adult & Teen Program

Join us for discussions offered by **Free to Read**, a new book group that focuses on fiction and nonfiction books that have been targeted or restricted in libraries and schools and that may close off readers to people, places and perspectives.

Books are available at the Bedford Hills Library, ready for check out.

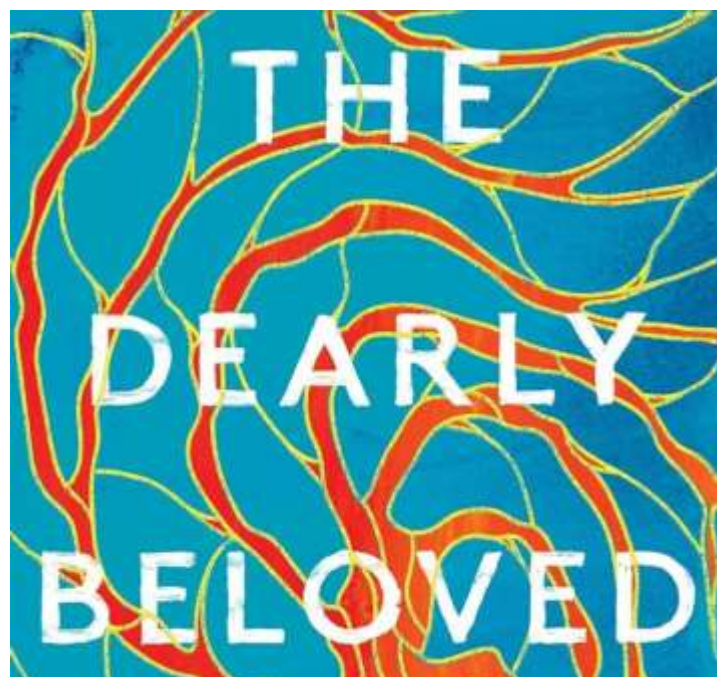


Register at:
bit.ly/KingDragon24

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

King and the Dragonflies is a young adult novel that explores the intersection between race, gender roles and sexuality.

Published in 2020, it received the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction and Poetry, and was a 2021 Coretta Scott King Honor Book!



Book Club with Carol

Sunday, April 14

After the Service
Pastor's Office

We will discuss
The Dearly Beloved
by Cara Wall
Chapters 1-3

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

for the Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Our Sunday morning worship service will be focused on God's work of offering wholeness to body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Communion will be served.



Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room

BEDFORD BELLRINGERS



Looking for a new challenge?



Learn to play English handbells with the Bedford Bellringers. You must know how to read music. Prior experience is not needed but is helpful. Reach out to Heidi Michaels, (hmichaels425@gmail.com) handbell director for more information.



ReSET Westchester, Inc.
www.resetwestchester.org

ReSET Westchester needs help!!

As ReSET continues to resettle refugees, we find ourselves in a crisis, scrambling to find housing options.

Can you help our team make phone calls to potential landlords?

Do you know anyone who may have a space that could house a family (any size)? It could be temporary or longer term.

We would appreciate any connections or help that our community can provide. Together we can help these families start their new lives here on a more positive note after all the trauma they have been exposed to.

Please contact Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee to help.

HELP LOCAL TEENS HAVE AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

CCNW'S ANNUAL PROM DRIVE

Each year, CCNW helps our students offset the financial burden of attending Prom by offering them access to formal wear for Prom night. Thanks to the generous donations of dresses, tuxedos, shoes and accessories from our community, our students can confidently attend their Prom in style.



ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING NOW:

- ♦ Long and short dresses
- ♦ Men's/women's dress shoes
- ♦ Bowties/neck ties/cummerbunds
- ♦ Tuxedos and navy/black suits
- ♦ Purses, clutches, jewelry
- ♦ Men's white dress shirts

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

Tues, Weds, Fri: 10am - 4pm, Thurs: 12pm - 6pm and Sat: 10am - 1pm

Do you know someone who needs help with Prom clothing?

Call us at 914-232-6572 ext. 105

All calls will be kept confidential.



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30 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Quilting



Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room

Learn as you go
from other quilters.

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** and 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, March 31st

9 am
10 am
11 am

Easter Sunday

Worship
Easter Reception and Easter Egg Hunt
Worship

Monday, April 1st

9 am

OFFICE CLOSED

Yoga

Tuesday, April 2nd

1 pm

Quilting

Thursday, April 4th

10 am

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

Sunday, April 7th

10 am

Worship, Communion and Youth Collection

11 am

Coffee Hour

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Michelle Gosh, President Brian Hiller-Dupont (Worship),
Anne Bentzen (Vision), Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel),
Amy Drabek (Nominating Committee & Nativity Farm),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Ashley Glod-Hayes (Friends & Members),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Finance)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley,
Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, Andres Mejía,
Diane Palmento, and Lisa Sayre

Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Jessica DeAlto, Administrative and Financial Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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