

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Lakeside with Birch Trees* by Gustav Klimt

"As a deer longs for flowing springs..." Psalm 42

# Ordinary Time

## June 19, 2022

**Prelude**                                      *Andante Religioso*                                      Felix Mendelssohn

**Introit**                                      *Holy Lord God of Hosts*                                      Russian Liturgy

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **\*Call to Worship from Psalm 42**

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing springs, so my soul longs for you,  
O God.

**People: My soul thirsts for you.**

Leader: My tears have become my food day and night. My soul is cast  
down within me. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your  
waterfalls. All your waves and billows have gone over me.

**People: I take refuge in you, O God. Send out your light and truth, and  
let them lead me.**

**\*Opening Hymn 487**                      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### Confession

#### Call to Confession

**Merciful God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but  
we have not listened. We walk away from our neighbors in need,  
refusing to bear the burdens of others and ignoring the pain of the  
world. Too often, we condone bigotry, warfare, and greed. Forgive us,  
O God, and lead us in your way, through Jesus Christ.**

(Silent confession)

## **Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **Sung Response**

### **Epistle Lesson**

*Galatians 3:23-29*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### **Time with the Children**

*The children may leave for Sunday Spirit.*

### **Anthem**

*Day By Day*

Martin How

### **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 8:26-39*

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

### **Prayers of the People and 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.

### **Offering**

**Anthem**

*Ave Verum*

Edward Elgar

**\*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**

**\*Hymn 288**      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Sung Response**      *Twofold Amen*      R. Warner

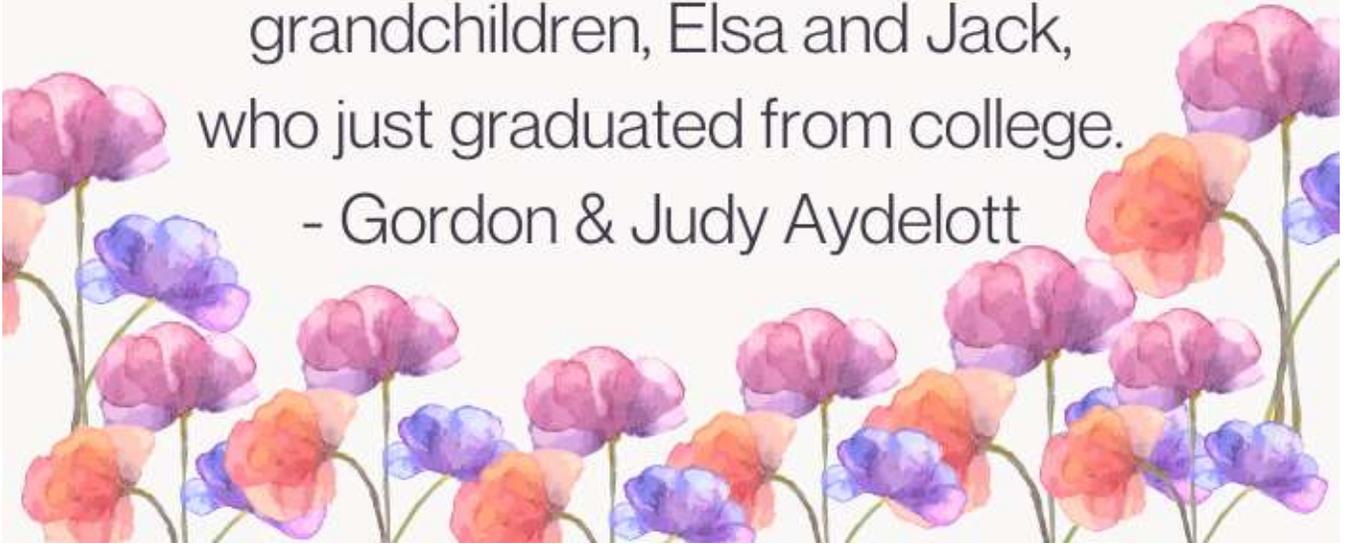
**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

## Announcements



This week's flowers are  
dedicated in honor of two  
grandchildren, Elsa and Jack,  
who just graduated from college.  
- Gordon & Judy Aydelott



## "Coffee & Friends Make the Perfect Blend!"

We are looking for people to sign up to bring  
food items for coffee hour on Sundays!

You can sign up with a friend or do it yourself!

All details and responsibilities can be located on  
the SignUpGenius on our website.

If you have any questions please contact  
Sarah Alley or Michelle Eames.

## Mission Activities

# Hour Children Seeking Local Host Families This Summer

After a two-year hiatus, Hour Children, which provides family service programs to incarcerated women and their families, will once again be offering a summer visiting program for children whose mothers are incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Not surprisingly, many of the mothers and children Hour Children serves, particularly those from upstate, have not seen each other during the pandemic and have suffered deeply from the loss of connection.

Local host families, who are critical to the success of this program, are needed for the following dates to be responsible for the child/children's wellbeing:  
July 17-20, July 24-27, August 7-10 & August 14-17.

For further information, please contact **Emily Kerr**, Bedford Hills Program Manager, at **615-636-7396** or **ekerr@hourchildren.org**.



Northern Westchester  
Refugee Resettlement Initiative  
resetwestchester@gmail.com

**Our newly arriving, Ukrainian family, needs your immediate help!**

*Over the past six months, ReSET's volunteers have been busy re-settling three families from Afghanistan. On June 14th, ReSET will be welcoming a Ukrainian family of 5 and their small dog.*

**Housing:** *We are looking for a 2-3 bedroom house/apartment that is dog friendly, in Northern Westchester from White Plains to Brewster & close to public transportation. E-mail [Resethousingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Resethousingcommittee@gmail.com) with leads.*

**Donate:** *ReSET needs to raise \$50,000 to cover the cost of housing, medical care, and other basic necessities to care for our new family. We need YOUR help in this fundraising effort. Please go to the church website to donate.*

**Volunteer:** *With the family of five from Ukraine arriving soon, we need your help more than ever. If you are interested in helping our families, we have many volunteer opportunities available for you. For more information, please visit the "Volunteer" section on ReSET's website. [Resetwestchester.org](http://Resetwestchester.org)*

Email Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee with any questions.

\*Neighbors Link, a 501(c)3 organization, is the fiscal sponsor for ReSET\*

# Nativity Farm

Nativity Farm is looking for the following gardening materials (new/used):

- Gardening gloves (children's and adult sizes)
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trowels
- Composting bins
- Hand-forks or claws
- Hoe
- Hand pruners
- Wheel barrows

Please contact Courtney, at [courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org) to arrange for gardening donations.

## Growing season at Nativity Farm is now underway!

We have a variety of tasks for Nativity Farmers of all abilities to help with during the summer months. Shifts will take place on Sundays from 1-3 pm and Thursdays from 4-6 pm. All you need to do is bring water to stay hydrated and clothes to get dirty. If it is raining HEAVILY, the volunteer shift will be cancelled.

Please note that you can fill out the form as many times as you'd like, so feel free to sign up for June shifts now and shifts later in the summer at a later date! As always, reach out to Courtney at [Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org) with any questions.

To sign up, please use this QR code:





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

## **Upcoming Events at a Glance**

- **Monday, June 20th** - Yoga at 9 am. Please contact Bobbe Stultz at **bobbestultz@gmail.com**.
- **Thursday, June 23rd** - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**.
- **Sunday, June 26th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am.

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