

Our Community Gathers...

October 21, 2018

PRELUDE *Ach Wie Wichtig, Ach Wie Fluchtig* G. Bohm

INTROIT *Thou Will Keep Him in Perfect Peace* G. Thalen-Ball

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*OPENING SENTENCES (responsively)

May we be to others – each other and all others – a reminder the values wrapped up in our dream of God's Kingdom come not just for us, but for all.

A light in another's darkness.

Hope when all another knows is brokenness.

May we be those who work to bend that long arc of justice.

And, those who pray with both their words and their lives.

And, those for whom *Thank You* is their first and their best prayer.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Meet us where we are, O God, but leave us not there.

Call us from today towards Your promised tomorrow.

That day when all will have enough and all will have a place.

And, teach us to lean forward to what might be, but is not yet.

And, to love as You love while these moments are stilled called *today*.

We ask it as we do our best to follow in the way and in the spirit of Jesus who taught us to pray,

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* or "Our Creator"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Sanctus* G. Faure

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication xx

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- or -

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade will be dismissed to their Sunday Spirit classes.

Please see announcements for full details.

TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Day By Day* M. How

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 4: 1-7*

SERMON *Markers* Paul Alcorn

*HYMN 418 *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!* ICH HALTE TRELICH STILL

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Dresden Amen* J. Naumann

POSTLUDE *Fugue in d* G. Bohm

*please stand

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given in memory of Poppy English by the Keeffe family.

Thank you to Anne Sweazey and Carla Harwryluk for hosting this week's coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

Children's bulletins are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

Comments? Suggestions? Feedback? Email us at info@bedfordpreschurch.org

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad that you've joined us for worship today and hope that you'll come to Coffee Hour, immediately following the service (through the door at the front of the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall). There you'll find coffee, a Welcome Table with information about the church, and people who would be delighted to talk to you.

Parents - Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers in the education wing of our building. Just ask one of the ushers for directions.

A parent paging system is available for your convenience.

The Rev. Dr. Paul D. Alcorn, Pastor
The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life
John Lettieri, Director of Music
Kathy DiBiasi, Director of Educational Ministries
The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice
Parish Associates:
The Rev. Dorothy Muller and the Rev. Dr. James Fenimore

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