

A WALKING PRAYER

Jesus often sought time alone to refresh and renew his faith. After intense periods of solitude and prayer, he was able to reenter society and engage in human interactions—healing, teaching, redirecting, and reopening eyes. We too need time to fill again with the Spirit, especially after time spent pouring out service in Christ's name.

Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren in Seattle is surrounded by mountains, to which we lift our eyes each time we are in need of strength. Walking up into those hills, and into the deep silence of our moss-filled rainforest, refreshes us in a way that is difficult to describe. It is as though the mind of Christ, his peace, and his presence are comprehended more fully in this body prayer than in verbal discussion. It is the difference between *talking* about the beauty of Mount Rainier rising with stunning grace over the city and actually *being* there at 10,000 feet, having slept there overnight to be able to reach the summit just before dawn. You are able to witness the nobility of the climb and the holiness of the peak; the sensation of breathing in God is simply indescribable.

So, where is your place of beauty in which to walk? Seek it out, for the Lord is near. Breathe in peace. Breathe out fear or fatigue. Season after season offers itself to us in invitation: summer green gives way to autumn's gold, and pure cold melts into a cherry blossom breeze. A walking prayer lifts our eyes, shifts the focus from self, affirms our faith, and realigns the soul. Filled, we move through the world as if it were God's temple.

HYMN

“Take time to be holy”
No. 1007, *Hymnal Supplement*

—Carol Mason
Centralia, Washington

Text for Today

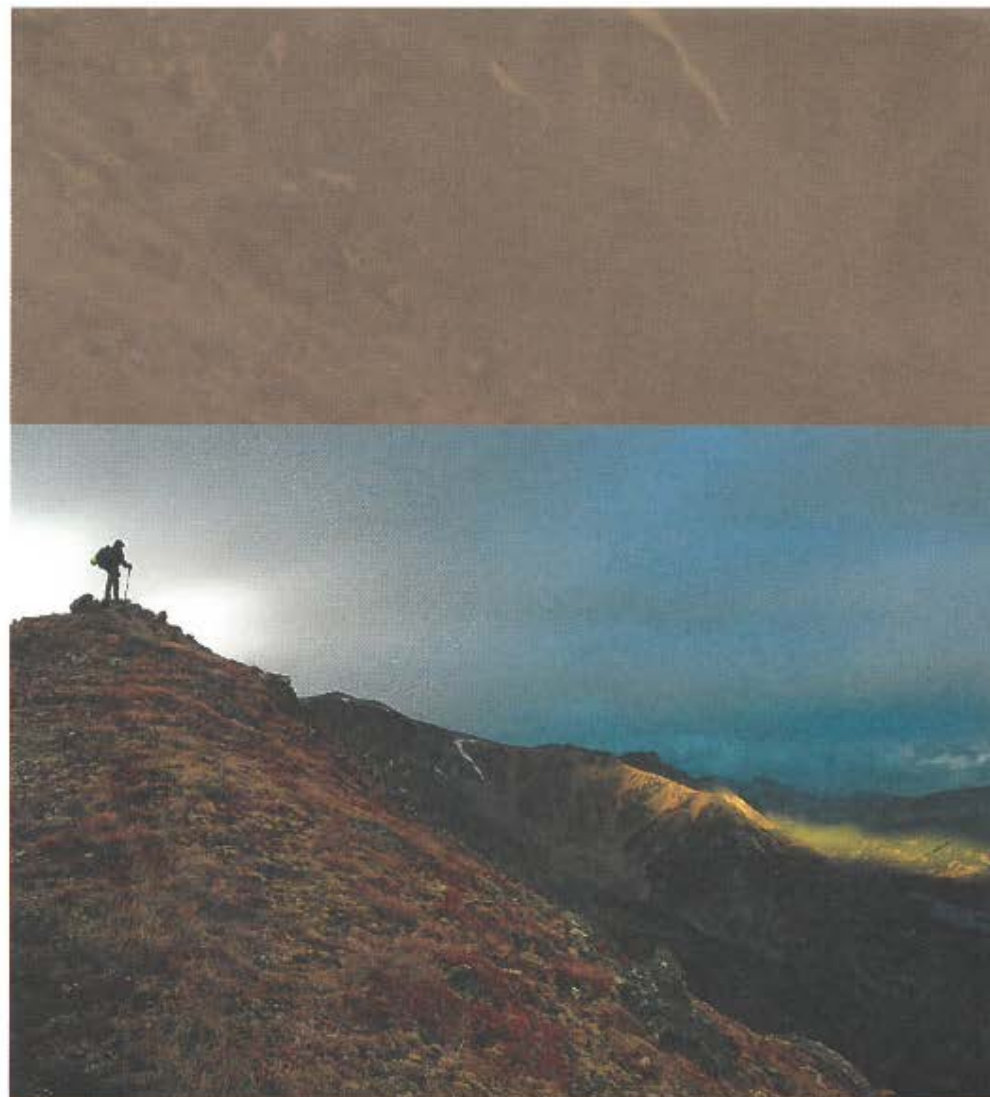
Philippians 4:1-9 (1), NRSV

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, **stand firm in the Lord** in this way, my beloved. . . . Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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Stand firm in the Lord

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship July 17, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

“Hospitality is profoundly important within Christian communities, and much energy is spent trying to discern what constitutes a deep holy practice of hospitality. This is more than cosmetic; hospitality in the most profound sense is the manifestation of inclusion and care. Human beings have a deep need to receive hospitality. And human beings reflect more fully the image of God when offering genuine hospitality to others.”

~ Michael Fick

GATHERING

PRELUDE Voluntary No. 1 in C *John Stanley*
[Adagio], Andante, [Slow] [Allegro]

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

***HYMN INSERT** *Take time to be holy* HOLINESS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S TIME (11:00) Dianne Murray, Acadia & Tanner Bowen
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42 *NRSV*

LITURGICAL DANCE (11:00) The Word is Alive *Casting Crowns*
The InMotion School of Dance Summer Praise Dance Group

SERMON “*The dilemma of a certain village*” Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

***HYMN # 324** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* SEEK YE FIRST

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Chorale Prelude: “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *Flor Peeters*
(text in Hymnal, A Worship Book # 426)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Chris Zepp

***HYMN # 389** *Take my life* HENDON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bicinium Prelude on HENDON *John Barr*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

The flowers by the organ are in honor of Roma Jo Thompson’s 80th birthday from her family.

The flowers by the piano are in memory of Betty Neher.

Flowers in the greeting hall are shared by the family of Alton McDaniel.

The InMotion Summer Praise Dance Ensemble is in its fourth touring season in the Harrisonburg area. Their purpose is to create community within their own studio, learn more about the nature of worship, and extend the gift of worship through dancing in the surrounding community. They are excited to share in worship with us this morning!

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

July 17-23, 2016 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	7:00	Vespers at CrossRoads <i>Bill Faw, speaking; Claire Wayman & Jeff Quay, music</i>	Hilltop Amphitheater
Mon.	7:00	BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues.	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	7:00	Plan of Organization Forum	Seekers

UPDATED PLAN OF ORGANIZATION FORUM

The Board of Administration recently recommended a revised and updated plan of organization to be presented to Council for consideration of adoption in August 2016. On Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. members of the Plan of Organization Review Committee will be available to respond to questions about the proposed updated plan. Copies of the new proposed plan can be requested from the church office or picked up from the literature rack in the greeting hall.

NEXT SUNDAY– July 24, 2016 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “The Problem with Borrowed Bread”

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Vespers at CrossRoads – 7 p.m. – Hilltop Amphitheater

ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 7/10/16

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 16 11:00 – 233 Sunday School: 130

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$17,793.08
Loose Offering	409.33
Church User Fees	550.00
Rent – Refugee House	1,300.00
Decorating Committee	75.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

Glenna Wampler – Business Manager

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Kathleen Arndt – Child Care Center Administrator

John Barr – Organist

Jim Benedict – Bell Choir Director

Jeanie Eye – Christian Education Director

Mary Beth Flory – Pianist

Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

Ellsworth Neff – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

Curtis Nolley – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

Clarke & Hope Staton – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Greeters (11:00) – Dale Ulrich & Doris Metzler
Chester & Eleanor Bowman

Head Usher (11:00) – Kevin Keplinger

Hymn Leader (11:00) – Jim Benedict

Sound/Light (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff

Decorator – Lucretia Lane

Deacon Caregivers – Dwyann & Tony Stovall

Van Driver – Rick Wampler

ATTENDING BRETHREN WOODS – July 18-22

Tanner Bowen, Bryce Driver, Shelby Eye, Chloe Kiracofe, Ryan Mutherspaw, Trey Mutherspaw, Olivia Puffenbarger, Electa Tasillo-McLaughlin

ATTENDING SENIOR HIGH WORKCAMP

Portland, OR – July 18-24

Madison Evick, Adeline Hipps, Alton Hipps, Eli Quay, Noah Swift
Ryan Kiracofe (advisor), Rebekah Overman (advisor)


ATTENDING JUNIOR HIGH WORKCAMP

Elgin, IL – July 20-24


Gena Day-Miller, Gladys Remnant (advisor)

Take time to be holy



HOLINESS 6. 5. 6. 5. D




1 Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord.
2 Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on.
3 Take time to be ho - ly, let Christ be thy guide,
4 Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,



A - bide in him al - ways and feed on his word.
Spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
each thought and each mo - tive be - neath God's con - trol.



Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low thy Lord,
Thus led by the Spir - it to foun - tains of love,



for - get - ting in noth - ing God's bless - ing to seek.
thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

