

The Offering Song

Brent Holl

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G C

We give thee thanks, — We give thee thanks —

5 D7 G

We give thee thanks — for all we have! —

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Praise and Thanks - giv - ing —

13 D7 G

Praise — God a - bove! —

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G C

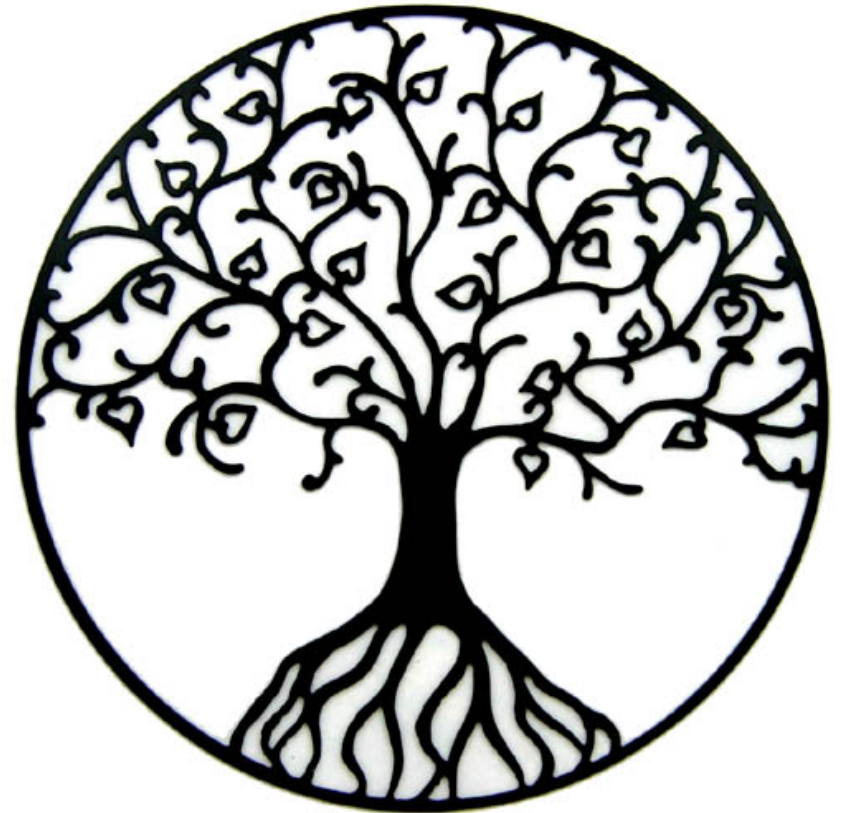
Shar - ing, count-ing our bles-sings, car - ing one for an-oth - er

21 D7 G

All — we have we give to you. —

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Roots and Fruits of Our Faith



Children's Worship
2016-2017

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship May 14, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONGS

This is the Day
Rise Shine, Give God the Glory
Up Above My Head
This Little Light of Mine
Seven Times Seven

Brent Holl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Zepp

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) How Blessed, How Beautiful

Carl Nygard

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

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.

Jeanie Eye

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

*HYMN

The Beatitudes

Insert

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

Jeanie Eye

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ANTHEM My Roots Go Down

Sarah Pirtle

PROCLAIMING

SERMON & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Matthew 5-7

RESPONDING

*HYMN

The Golden Rule

Insert

RESPONSE TIME

(11:00) 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.

Jeff Carr

* RESPONSIVE LITANY Based on Matthew 5-7

Insert

*HYMN

My Roots Go Down
(Children's Worship Verses)

Insert

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

A Place in the Choir

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

Worship Readers (11:00):

Cooper Bair, Rowan Bair, Gabe Carr, Brett Eye, Laney Eye,
Macy Eye, Mikah Overman, Brycen Propst, Olivia Puffenbarger,
Shylah Zepp

Junior Ushers (11:00):

Armando Allen, Grady Bair, Nate Carr, Shelby Eye, Francis Kasten,
Rachael Overman, Shaley Propst, Sofia Teshome

TODAY'S CHORAL INTROIT TEXT:

Romans 10:15; Psalm 119:105, 106

How blessed are the lovely messengers that preach the good news, the gospel of peace.

How beautiful, how great, how wonderful the messengers that preach good news, that preach the gospel of peace.

For thy word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a guide to my wand'ring footsteps. When your word and your law I obey.

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MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

May 14-20, 2017 (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	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:00	Turner Ashby High School Choir Concert –	Sanctuary
Mon.	6:00	Blue Ridge Christian School Instrumental Concert -	Sanctuary
Tues.	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	1:30	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	3:00	Memorial Service for Hazel Heisey	Sanctuary
	7:00	Board of Administration	Seekers Room
Thurs.	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.	6:00	Bridgewater College Baccalaureate	Campus Mall
Fri.-Sat.		Shenandoah District Disaster Relief Auction –	Fairgrounds
Sat.	10 a.m.	Bridgewater College Commencement	Campus Mall

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 05/07/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 18 11:00 – 307 Sunday School: 167

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$24,253.75
Loose Offering	752.50
Church User Fees	125.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Child Care Center	1,000.00
Books	25.50
Rent – Refugee House	1,300.00
Wednesday Night Meals	411.48
Brethren Student Movement	100.00
Orff Instruments	300.00
Women's Fellowship	966.00
Youth Programs	1,425.00
Backpack Program	50.00
EYN Compassion Fund	500.00
Neal & Marsha Wampler Fund	800.00

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

PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

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.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

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.

Guitarist – Brent Holl

Fellowship Host – Tim Kreps

Head Usher – Kevin Keplinger

Sound/Light Assistant – David Lineweaver

Decorators – Linda Dean & Bea Miller

Deacon Caregiver – Amanda Zepp

Van Drivers – Melvin Wampler & Palmer Lee Berry

NEXT SUNDAY– May 21, 2017 – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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

Sr. High Youth Sunday: "Generations Celebrating Faith"

(worship planned and led by our Sr. High Youth)

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Office Reception Area

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

DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION: May 19-20

The 25th Annual Shenandoah District Disaster Relief Auction will be held at the Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds this Friday & Saturday, May 19-20. The weekend continues the tradition of great fellowship, wonderful food, and lots of treasures to buy - including quilts, art, furniture and plants, with all proceeds benefiting the Disaster Relief Ministries of the District.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

A Bridgewater College freshman, a male from Palestine, is in need of housing for the summer beginning May 20. If you are able to provide housing or know if someone else who may be available please contact the church office. Also, Bhekumuzi ("Prince") Makhubo, a student from South Africa, is seeking a host family to live with during the 2017-2018 academic year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Chaplain Robbie Miller at rmiller@bridgewater.edu or 421-2720 for more information.

BRIDGE OF HOPE BENEFIT CONCERT

The Walking Roots Band will perform a benefit concert for Bridge of Hope on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at Lindale Mennonite Church, 6255 Jesse Bennett Way, Linville. Tickets \$10 at the door or by calling 478-2356. Bridge of Hope benefits homeless and at-risk single mothers and their children in our community with safe, affordable housing, case management services, and neighbor group support.

BRETHREN WOODS SUMMER HELP NEEDED

Brethren Woods is in need of two Health Managers for the summer camp program. Health Managers must have RN certification or higher. They typically serve for one week beginning on Sunday at 1:30pm until Friday evening. A Health Manager is still needed for June 25-30 and July 16-21. Health Managers screen campers upon arrival, store and distribute medicines, keep first aid kits up to date, help campers take care of cuts and scrapes, and also get to have fun at camp all week! If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving in this way at camp for a week, please email program@brethrenwoods.org or call 540-269-2741.

TA CHOIRS TO PRESENT CONCERT TONIGHT

The Turner Ashby High School choirs, under the direction of Wes Dunlap, will be presenting a concert in our sanctuary this evening at 7:00 pm. Please come out and support the choir and a number of our youth who are members of the TAHS choirs. A free will offering will be taken to support the TAHS choral program.

GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you are aware of someone who has, is, or will be completing their course(s) of study during this school year (high school, college, or graduate school), please contact Pastor Chris or the church office with their name and info so that they can be recognized in a future edition of *Connections* Newsletter.

MY ROOTS GO DOWN

(based on the original song by Sarah Pirtle)

Throughout the year, this has been our “theme song” for Children’s Worship. Each week, a new verse was created to accompany the section of the Sermon on the Mount on which we were focusing.

My roots go down, down to the earth (3x)
My roots go down

I am a blessing when I live to love
I am the salt and the light of the world
I love my neighbors and my enemies too
My roots go down

I give God thanks for all that I have
I will forgive and I’ll be forgiven
I’ll store my treasure in heaven
My roots go down

I’ll give my worries over to God
I’ll judge myself, not anyone else
If I will seek, so I will find
My roots go down

I will live by the Golden Rule
I’ll bear good fruit when I follow Christ
My faith is strong like a house on a rock
My roots go down

My roots go down, so I will trust in God (3x)
My roots go down

say, “CHEESE!”



IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR 2017 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION!!

Lisa Houff Photography is now scheduling photo sessions for our 2017 pictorial directory! Claim a time to be photographed in our temporary studio in the Gap room or at the Bridgewater Retirement Community OR schedule a session with Lisa in a location of your choice. No obligation to purchase photos or even to hear a sales pitch! (although that is certainly an option if you are interested ☺)

You can sign up for your session in one of three ways:

Online: Visit <https://tinyurl.com/bwcobpd2017> and submit your information electronically.

Paper Form: Sign up forms are available in the literature rack and can be returned to the office or dropped in the offering plate.

Onsite: Bring your planning calendar and visit the pictorial directory sign-up center before or after worship to schedule your session.

THE BEATTITUDES (If You're Happy)

Words by Jesus (Matthew 5:3-12); music by Brent Holl

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.

Refrain:

If you're happy and you know it, sing a song.

If you're happy and you know it, sing along!

If you're happy and you know it,

Then your face will surely show it.

If you're happy and you know it, sing a song.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Refrain)

THE GOLDEN RULE

Words by Marguerite Cook; Old English Melody

The Golden Rule is Jesus's rule,
The rule He gave to all;
He wants us each to keep this rule,
His children, both large and small.

Refrain:

Oh, I will keep this Golden Rule,

This rule that teaches me,

To do to others as I would love

To have others do to me.

If everyone could keep this rule,

How happy we all would be;

At work, at play, at home, or at school,

What joy we would always see!

(Refrain)

I'll keep this rule, this Golden Rule,

Yes, I'll keep it ev'ry day!

This Rule of Love, for home or for school,

I'll keep it in ev'ry way!

(Refrain)

RESPONSIVE LITANY

based on Matthew 5-7

Congregation reading sections in bold
Italics quoted directly from the Sermon the Mount

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain and his disciples came to him. Then he taught them, saying:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit...those who mourn...the meek... [and] those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...
Blessed are the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers...[and] those who are persecuted...*

We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. May we let our light shine, so that others may see our good works and give glory to God.

Jesus said he came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. He taught us how to seek kingdom worthy righteousness:

You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer...turn the other [cheek]...go also the second mile...

We have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But Jesus has told us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

Jesus cautioned us to beware of practicing our piety before others:

When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...when you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases...for your Father knows what you need before you ask...

We need forgiveness, so may we forgive others, knowing that God will forgive us in equal measure.

Jesus appealed to us to not store up treasures for ourselves on earth, but to pursue treasures in heaven:

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...no one can serve two masters...

We shall try to not worry about our lives. For we know that life is more than food and clothing and wealth, and that we cannot add anything to our lives by worrying. May we instead strive first for the kingdom of God.

Jesus commanded us not to judge, so that we would not be judged:

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?...First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly..

In everything, may we do to others as we would have them do to us. This is the law and the prophets!

Jesus warned us that following him is not easy. The path that leads to ruin is wide and easy. But the way that leads to life is narrow and hard, and not everyone finds it.

Beware of false prophets... A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit...Thus you will know them by their fruits....Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock...

We are rooted in the solid rock of Jesus' life and teachings. So may we bear good fruit, bringing the blessings of Christ to all we meet along the way.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.

May it be so for us!