

## Fully Alive

As I reflect on the image on today's bulletin, I am struck by the beauty and elegance of this vibrant flower as it bursts from a thorny and dull-colored cactus. This contrast is how much of life is.

I am writing this meditation in wintertime, and you are reading it well into summer. Nature has moved from a season of dormancy and dullness to a vibrancy that is created through God's timing in nature. Bare tree branches and the hard, cold ground have sprung forth with color, and petals have burst into many shapes and forms. The animal world has birthed new life. Even we humans become much more active and energetic in our outdoor activities as daylight grows longer and temperatures get warmer.

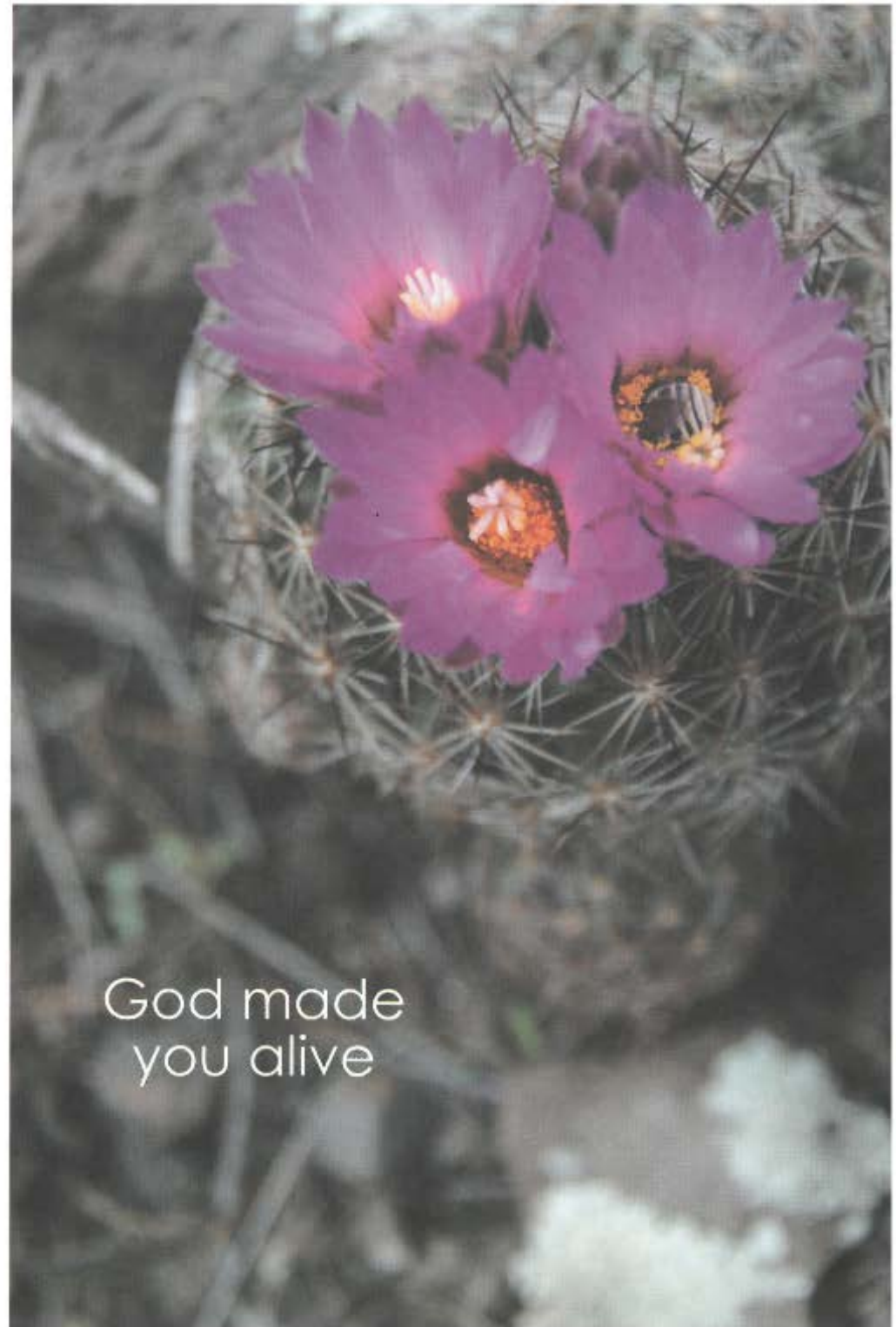
At times in our lives we experience the dormancy and dullness of wintertime, when we feel far from that which brings color, light, and life into our lives. We may know illness, grief, pain, or brokenness of relationship. Life feels thorny, or appears dull and dormant like the cold winter. We wonder when things will change.

In these difficult moments, I am grateful we can be reassured through the hope of Christ's life, death, and resurrection that we can anticipate new life. Even in the midst of difficult times, we know that we are not alone, and God is present. God knows the struggle, the pain, the uncertainty, the chaos of our lives. God also knows that which is about to bloom and bring new possibility. This is when we begin to truly understand that God, and no one else, is the One who has made us fully alive!

—Martha Beshm  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Text for today:** "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, *God made you alive* together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross" (Col. 2:8-14, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13.

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God made  
you alive

# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship June 4, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Ghost, Lord and God” *Marcel Dupré*  
“Come, Holy Ghost, Lord and God” *John Barr*  
“Holy Spirit, Come With Power”  
BEACH SPRING *Elizabeth Krouse*  
BEACH SPRING *Wilbur Held*

### 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 worshiping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

~Sing the Story #189, adapted

One: Come, Holy Spirit – lamplighter, midwife of change, comforter, disturber, inspirer, and advocate.

**All: Come, fill the church with the gifts earth can neither produce nor afford.**

One: Come, fill our lives with that rich mixture of peace and restlessness, calm and enthusiasm, which are hallmarks of holiness.

**All: Come, promised Spirit of God – find your way and make your home among us!**

**HAND BELL ANTHEM** (11:00) I Love to Tell the Story *arr. Patricia Hurlburt*

## PROCLAIMING

### CHILDREN’S TIME

(11:00) Mike Fike

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.

**ANTHEM** (11:00) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart *Robert Lau*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 2:1-21 *NRSV*

**\*HYMN # 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power* BEACH SPRING

**SERMON** “What does this mean?” Jeff Carr

## RESPONDING

**\*HYMN # 349** *Spirit of the Living God*

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30) Contemplation and conversation.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY APPRECIATION**

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION** (11:00)

Emma Nicholas, Ellie Overman, Lisa Reitze

### OFFERING

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

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

You Raise Me Up *Graham / Lovland, arr. Joel Raney*  
Shylah Zepp, Keyboard

**SUMMER FAITH FORMATION BLESSING** (11:00)

Congregational Blessing:

*You have our love.*

*You can count on our prayers.*

*May you be blessed,*

*And may you be a blessing*

*As you journey and serve and grow in faith this summer.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*HYMN # 299** *New earth, heavens new* ALEXANDRA

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in F (Section 1) *Dietrich Buxtehude*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**June 4-10, 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.

<b>Today</b>	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Noon	Youth Fundraiser Lunch (Menu: Breakfast for Lunch)	Social Hall
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
<b>Wed.</b>	11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Ministerial Services Commission	Altruistic Class
	7:00	Properties Commission	Open Door Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Fri.-Sun.</b>		National Junior High Conference – Elizabethtown, PA	

### **Attending Sr. High Workcamp**

*Santa Ana, CA, June 8-14*

Madison Evick, Adeline Hipps, Ezra Kasten,  
Lauren Flora (advisor)

### **Attending National Jr. High Conference and Heritage Tour**

*Elizabethtown, PA, June 8-11*

Lilly Day-Miller, Andie Neher, Glenda Reitze  
Katie Smith (advisor), Chris Zepp (advisor)

### **NEXT SUNDAY– June 11, 2017 – First Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “I am with you...always”

Scripture Readings: Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

**Benefit Recital for Habitat** – 3 p.m. – Social Hall

## 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

**Katie Smith** – Summer Ministry Intern

### **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

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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.

**Pianist** (8:30) – Kathy Shrader  
**Fellowship Host** – Beth Day-Miller  
**Head Usher** – Devin Bowman  
**Sound/Light Assistant** – Skip Eger  
**Decorators** – Denny & Jeanie Eye  
**Deacon Caregiver** – Bea Miller  
**Van Driver** – Wayne Angleberger

## **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 05/28/17**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 18 11:00 – 233 Sunday School: 133**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$4,920.00
Loose Offering	466.00
Vacation Bible School	125.00
Building Repair Reserve (for sanctuary roof repair)	500.00
Hazel Heisey Memorial Fund	150.00

## **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS WINDING DOWN**

Lisa Houff Photography will be continuing to schedule photo sessions for our 2017 pictorial directory through June 29. If you haven't already, please be sure to claim a time to be photographed in our temporary studio in the Gap room or at Bridgewater Retirement Community OR schedule a session with Lisa in a location of your choice. There is no obligation to purchase photos.

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.

## **WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED**

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, at 3 p.m., Mary Beth Flory will present a recital of piano hymn arrangements and classical organ selections. This program is being performed to benefit the Habitat House that our church is having constructed. A free will offering will be taken.

## THANK YOU

We are grateful to all teachers, assistants, child care givers, librarians, substitutes, Children's Worship planners & assistants, Sunday School committee members and commission members who have worked in our Christian Education program for the 2016-17 school year. Each of you is a blessing to our church and we greatly appreciate you!

Linda Alley	Mandi Glendye	Michael Overman
Mac Bair	Doris Good	Rebekah Overman
Melanie Bair	Christy Hartman	Jean Petre
Eric Barkey	Brent Holl	Betty Propst
Heather Barkey	Alice Lee Hopkins	Brad Propst
Eleanor Bowman	Jesse Hopkins	Brianna Propst
Sylvia Bowman	Jill Horn	Julie Propst
Debbie Byerly	Marianne Houff	Sheldon Propst
Wendy Carr	Elaine Huffman	Tina Propst
Sally Jane Conner	Heather Kiracofe	Shannon Puffenbarger
June Craun	Leanne Kreps	Sarah Rees
Erin Dalrymple	Tim Kreps	Gladys Remnant
Mark Dowdy	Lori Lineweaver	Clarke Staton
Heather Driver	Peggy Lineweaver	Hope Staton
Jeremy Driver	Ada Longenecker	Dwynn Stovall
Denny Eye	Claire Martindale	Tony Stovall
Debbie Eye	Beth Michael	Kajsa Svarfvar
Erin Eye	David Michael	Nancy Swartz
Jeanie Eye	Donna Miller	Eliana Teshome
Josh Eye	Haggi Molalenge	Roma Jo Thompson
Janean Fawley	Jeanne Neff	Jeannie Turner
Rick Fawley	Andie Neher	Joyce Wampler
Sharon Flaten	Ben Neher	Steve Watson
Kevin Flory	Carl Nelson	Claire Wayman
Kathleen Gardner	Elizabeth Nelson	Amanda Zepp
Janna Glendye	Emma Nicholas	Chris Zepp

We also appreciate the work of the Altruistic Class Planning Committee.

We have a gift of appreciation for you  
which may be picked up in the greeting hall.

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: George Croly**

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
And make me love you as I ought to love.  
I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies;  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay;  
And no angel visitor, no op'ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.  
Have you not bid me love you, God and King?  
I am your own, my heart, soul, strength and mind.  
I see your cross, there teach my heart to cling.  
Let me seek you and find you there.  
Teach me to love you as the angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and your steadfast love the flame.  
Spirit of God descend upon my heart. Teach me to love you.  
Spirit of God, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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