

You Are My God

You are my God.

You know what has passed, and what is yet to come.
The plans you have are not of my own will, but yours.
They are more than I can imagine.
Your plans are good and always sure.

You are my Refuge.

When I face troubles and uncertainty, I pull away from you.
I rely on my own strength to weather the storm.
Why do I do this? What do I have to fear?
Only you, my God, can provide shelter and protection.
Only you can calm the storm that rages within and around me.
You wipe the tears from my face and banish the darkness.

You are my Rock.

You are the one that is higher than I.
You stand firm like a mountain—majestic, never wavering.
You provide whatever I need—a table of blessings.
You show up when others disappoint and abandon me.

You are my Redeemer.

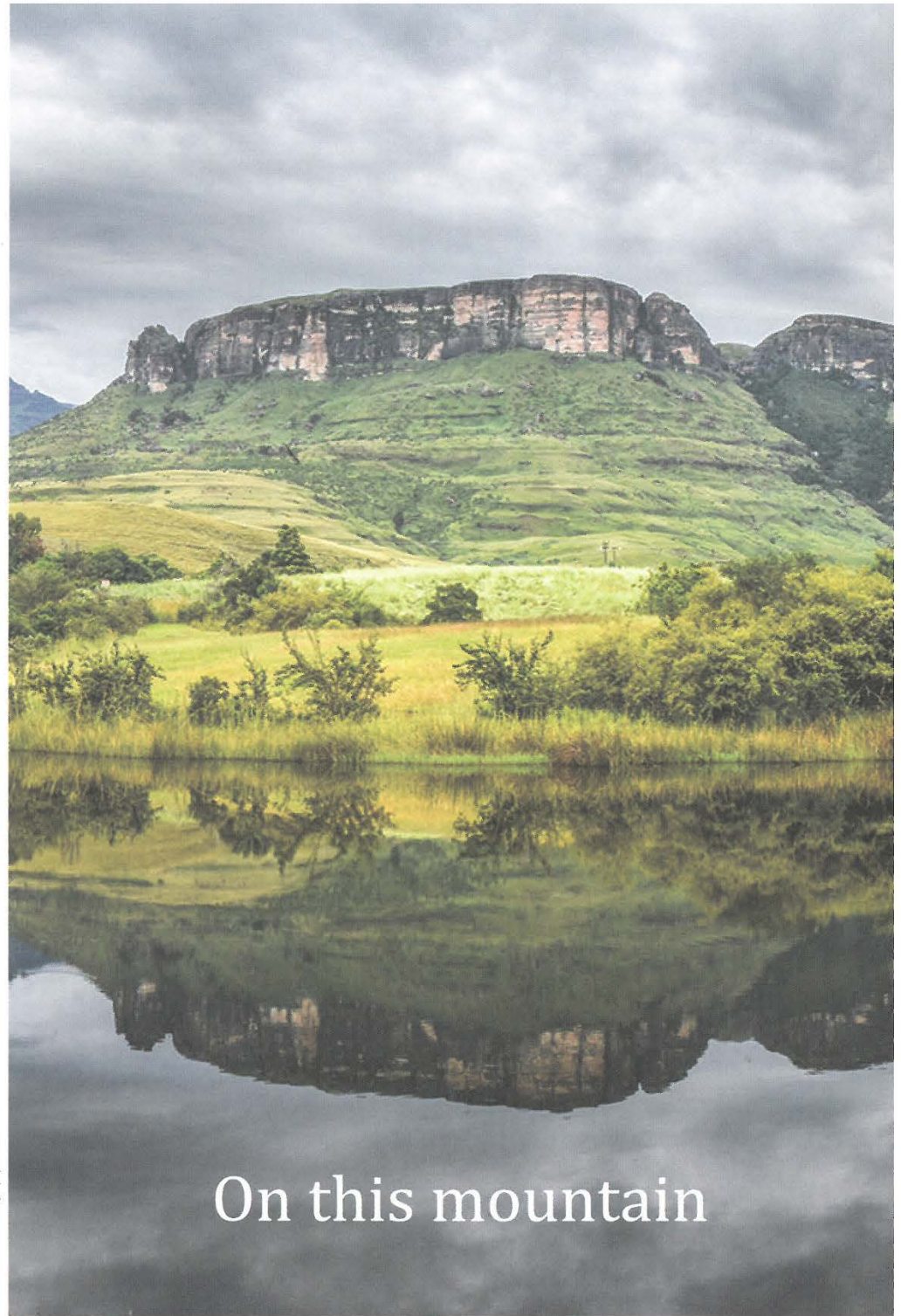
I lift my eyes to the mountains.
My help comes from you, Lord, the one who created them.
You stand sure on the promises and the plans you have made.
I will run to you for salvation.
I place my life in your hands.
You are my God.

—Melissa Schlecht

*Potsdam Church of the Brethren
Potsdam, Ohio*

Text for today: “O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. . . . **On this mountain** the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth . . .” (Isaiah 25:1-4a, 6-8, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 25:1-9 (6); Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship October 15, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Blessed Assurance *arr. Kenneth D. Varner*

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

PROCLAIMING

YORFFS (11:00) The Bells in the Steeple *Carl Orff*
This Little Light of Mine *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

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. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:1-14 *NRSV*

OFFERING

Invitation Anita Beckman

Offertory

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

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *arr. Mark L. Williams*

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9 *NRSV*

***HYMN # 79** *Lord, with devotion we pray* HILLERY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Heather Hartwell

Call to Prayer Mark 10:13-14

Spoken Prayer ~ Earle W. Fike, Jr., adapted

SERMON "Learned, Received, Heard and Seen" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

ANTHEM (11:00)

What Does The Lord Require Of You? *Robert A. Hobby*
Andrea Nolley, *flute*

RESPONSIVE LITANY ~Feasting on the Word, *Worship Companion*, adapted

One: Beloved, may the Spirit guide us to that which is true,

All: that we may be set free;

One: that which is honorable,

All: that we may rise above ourselves;

One: that which is just,

All: that we may stand in the breach for another;

One: that which is pure,

All: that we may live with integrity;

One: that which is pleasing,

All: that we may look beyond ourselves...

One: May we keep on doing the things.

All: that we have learned, received, heard, and seen,

One: that which is excellent and worthy of praise,

All: that we may know the God of peace is with us all.

***HYMN # 429** *Go Now in Peace* GO NOW IN PEACE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Festive Trumpet Tune *David German*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

THE FLOWERS ON THE WORSHIP CENTER are given in celebration of the 102nd birthday of Grace Fleishman on October 20, by Joyce Miller and Mary Alice Bowman.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

October 15-21, 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
	9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	Office Reception
		Children's Worship during Worship at 11	Agape Room
	Noon	Youth Play, Create, & Unwind	Youth Room
Tues.	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
	7:00	Foundation Board	Lounge
Wed.	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	YORFFs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	7:00	Board of Administration	Seekers Room
Thurs.	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.-Sun.		Power and Privilege Conference	

NEXT SUNDAY– October 22, 2017 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Preaching: Jeff Carr "Grace and Peace, Power and Privilege"

Scripture Readings: Matthew 22:15-22; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

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

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 10/8/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 20 11:00 – 228 Sunday School: 137

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$15,286.00
Loose Offering	606.00
Church User Fees	60.00
Seekers Sunday School Class	50.00
Hurricane Relief 2017	100.00
McIntyre Assistance Fund	100.00

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

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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) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Devin Bowman

Decorators – Heather & Ryan Kiracofe

Deacon Caregivers – Betty & Sheldon Propst

Sound, Light, Video Technician – Michael Overman

Van Driver – Rod Miller

Worship Leader – Heather Hartwell

Giving Statements thru the 3rd quarter are available for pick up today.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Micah 6:8, Robert Hobby

What does the Lord require of you?

Bind up the brokenhearted, off'ring God's peace.

Strengthen the weak, off'ring God's hope.

Seek and find, find the face of Christ. In each of God's children.

What does the Lord require of you?

Nurture the young and tend the old, off'ring God's love

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, off'ring God's compassion.

Share the good news in the Name of Christ.

Share the good news: with God there is welcome for all!

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

What does the Lord require of you?

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PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY

Pastor Chris invites you to join him for the next book discussion on Wednesday afternoons, 2-3 p.m., on November 1 and 15. We will be discussing *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the Twenty-First Century* (2017) by the late scholar and theologian Marcus Borg. "Provocative and uplifting, this anthology illuminates Borg's explorations of the miraculous and wonderful, his understanding of conviction and fulfillment, and his contention that we must keep an open mind and question assumptions and certainties in all our religious journeys." You can order a copy through our office at an estimated cost of \$16 (if ordered no later than this Wednesday, October 18) OR obtain your own copy. We will discuss chapters 1-8 (through page 130) on November 1.

BSM FUNDRAISER AT BRIDGEWATER JALAPENOS

On Thursday, November 2, from 4-9 pm, Jalapeños Restaurant in Bridgewater will be hosting a Fundraising Meal for Brethren Student Movement (BSM). All you need to do is to drop your receipt in the donation box and 15% of your meal will then be donated to BSM! RSVPs are needed to hold the event, so if you plan to attend, please go to our event page <https://www.groupraise.com/events/40982> to register your intent. There is no obligation and our participation is unlimited – it simply ensures the restaurant that there will be viable participation. Thanks in advance!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The "Scouting for Food Drive" for the Interchurch Food Pantry is being held October 21-28. The scouts are looking for some extra help with the drive this year, especially in distributing the bags for food collection on Saturday, October 21. If you could help distribute bags, please call Kelly Chevalier at 828-2849. You can also sign-up to volunteer online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aea72ca0f49-scouting1>. Thank you!

FREE CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend an open house at The Free Clinic (25 West Water Street, Harrisonburg) on Monday, October 26, from 4:30-7 p.m. You may take a self-guided tour of the clinic and meet the volunteers and staff. Refreshments will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year's Alternative Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 11. For more information, please contact Mary Cline Detrick.

Bridgewater/Dayton Area 2017

CROP MEAL & CROP HUNGER WALK

795 million people worldwide do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life. Some of them live in our communities.

Millions of women and children walk miles every day to collect water and gather food. They are people just like us.

"We Walk Because They Walk"

Yes! I/we would like to reserve _____ tickets for the Bridgewater College CROP Meal on Thursday, October 26 from 5-7 p.m. in the Kline Campus Center [\$8 for adults; \$6 for children 12 and under]. I understand that all proceeds from the CROP Meal will help CROP fight hunger and I/we will pay for tickets at the CROP Meal.

Yes! I/we will walk in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 29 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Bridgewater Community Center. Please provide me with _____ CROP DONATION ENVELOPE(S) to collect my pledges.

Yes! I/we will sponsor a CROP Walker at \$_____ per kilometer (6K maximum) for a total pledge of \$_____. Please match my pledge with a CROP Walker who will collect my/our pledge after the CROP Hunger Walk.

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
Church _____

Please drop this form in the offering plate or return to the church office as soon as possible.

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**POWER
PRIVILEGE
— and the —
JOURNEY TOWARDS
JUSTICE**

**OCTOBER 20-22, 2017
BRIDGEWATER CHURCH
OF THE BRETHREN**

It is not too late to register for this timely conference event next weekend, October 20-22, co-sponsored by BMC and OEP. Facilitators Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Matt Guynn will help participants meet the goals of the weekend: to examine how power and privilege affects our individual and corporate lives; to analyze how power operates within the church; to learn new ways to use power to further nonviolent change; and to share experiences of liberation through storytelling, worship and conversation. CEUs are available.

Brochures are available in the literature rack or by visiting https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/fa8ffe_0442e2c19b7e493aa2e42cfff3bb2dd6.pdf.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/BMC-OEP-Bridgewater>

If you are interested in a special reduced rate for BWCOB participants, contact Pastor Chris no later than this Tuesday, October 17.

Matthew 22:1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Philippians 4:1-9

⁴ ¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.