

## Most Blessed One

### Call to Worship

One: Blessed is the One who bears the holy name of the Lord of creation.

Many: *Blessed is the One who comes with the presence and promise of the Holy One.*

One: Blessed is the One whose footsteps pursue God's will in heaven and on earth.

Many: *Blessed is the One who leads us from fear and frustration to redeemed living.*

One: Blessed is the One whose light shines upon us and within us.

Many: *Blessed is the One who illumines the evil structures of arrogance, hatred, and war.*

One: Blessed is the One who welcomes us in God's holy peace.

Many: *Blessed is the One who emboldens us to challenge every godless act with godly grace.*

One: From the Lord's house we bless you, Emmanuel.

Many: *With boughs in hand, we join in the festal procession to welcome you, Most Blessed One.*

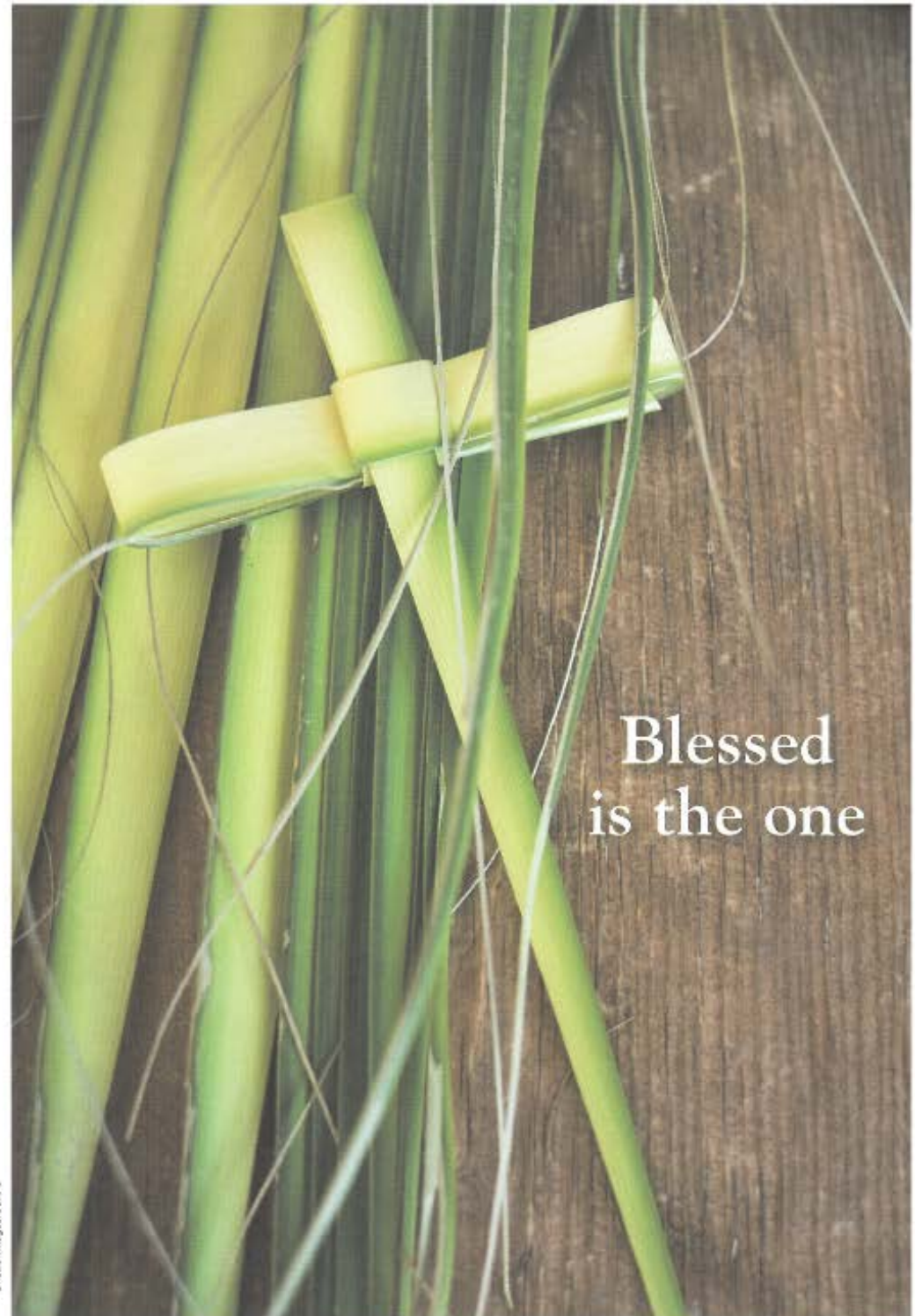
### Invocation

Lord Jesus, come among us. Enter our ordered, yet frazzled lives. Speak the truth we yearn to hear. Whisper heaven's grace to uncover blessing in unanswered prayer. Hold us in perfect peace. Keep our minds staid on your humble pattern of faithfulness. Deepen our trust in God. May the power of your name bind us to your way and will. *Amen.*

—Paul Roth  
Rockingham, Virginia

**Text for today:** "Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! *Blessed is the one* who comes in the name of the Lord! . . . Hosannah in the highest heaven'" (Mark 11:8-10, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 (9) or John 12:12-16.

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is the one

**BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
at Worship March 25, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** (11:00) March [in G] *Henry Smart*  
Prelude and Fugue in C *Bach Circle*  
Prelude on ST. THEODUPH *John Barr*

**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** Mark 11:1-11 *NRSV*

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**HAND BELL PROCESSIONAL** (11:00) *arr. H. Morris*  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
(11:00) Children may process with palm branches.

**\*HYMN # 237** *All glory, laud, and honor* ST. THEODULPH

**PROCLAIMING**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** (11:00) Jeff Carr  
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.

**HAND BELL ANTHEM** (11:00) *Soon and Very Soon* *arr. H. Morris*

**OFFERING**

**Invitation** *~Homiletics, adapted*

**Offertory** (8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.  
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Wondrous Love, Op. 34 *Samuel Barber*  
Theme,

Var. 3 [To God and to the Lamb I will sing]

Var. 4 [When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.]

**Prayer** *~Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, adapted*

**SANCTUS CHOIR ANTHEM** (11:00) setting *Hal H. Hopson*  
Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates  
Congregation is invited to stand and join with the choir at the director's indication; see insert.

**REFLECTIONS & SCRIPTURE READING** Jeff Carr  
Mark 14-15

**RESPONDING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Hymn # 242** *Stay with me* (3x)

**Unison Prayer** Back of Bulletin

**Silence**

**Praying with the Psalm** Psalm 31:9-16

*concluding with The Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

**\*HYMN # 257** *Were you there* (vv. 1-4) WERE YOU THERE

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00)  
"My heart is ever yearning" Op. 122, No. 9 *Johannes Brahms*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Elsie Janthey and Jesse Robertson, shared by their families.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**March 25-31, 2018** (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  
Noon Easter Egg Hunt – Meet in the Social Hall  
3:00 Valley Keplinger Memorial Service Sanctuary
- Thurs.** 5:30 Love Feast Prayer & Preparation Altruistic Room (Chapel)  
6:30 Love Feast Social Hall  
8:00 Liturgy of the Passion & Tenebrae Chapel
- Fri.** (all day) Contemplative space for prayer & reflection  
Altruistic Room (Chapel)  
Noon Bridgewater Area Churches Crosswalk  
Bridgewater Presbyterian

### NEXT SUNDAY– April 1, 2018 – *Easter Sunday*

**Worship:** 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “A Fool’s Paradox”

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

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

### **DECORATING HELP NEEDED**

From 9 am - 12 pm on Saturday, March 31, the decorating committee will be hard at work creating a floral celebration for Easter Sunday on April 1 - NO FOOLIN’ - we NEED YOUR HELP! If you can carry potted flowers, climb a ladder, spread a cloth or sweep up potted soil, come assist in the Easter morning transition, even if only for an hour or two!

## 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

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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.

**Fellowship Host** – Timbo Hartwell

**Pianist** (8:30) – Betty Caricofe

**Head Usher** – Palmer Lee Berry

**Decorators** – Dwyann & Tony Stovall

**Deacon Caregiver** – Andrea Miracle

**Van Driver** – John Flora

**Worship Leader** – Ben Neher

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: *trans.* Catherine Winkworth, *alt.***

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.  
O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed;  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!  
Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
Come, Savior, come with us abide; our hearts to you we open wide;  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until our glorious goal is won.

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## **SPRING POTTED FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

To order: Please use the envelopes (*available in the literature rack in the Greeting Hall*) to include information and money. **These are due in the church office by Wednesday, March 28, to be included in the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday.** Suggested cost per plant: \$10.

**THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 48<sup>th</sup> annual spring concert on Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The "Haydn Fest" concert will present choral and instrumental works by the classical giant Franz Josef Haydn. The SVCS choir will be accompanied by the SVCS chamber orchestra and guest soloists. Tickets are available at the door, locally from Choral Society members, Red Front Supermarket (Harrisonburg), Bridgewater Foods (Bridgewater), on-line at [www.singshenandoah.org](http://www.singshenandoah.org), and at the door. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

## **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 3/18/18**

<b>Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 16</b>	<b>11:00 – 262</b>	<b>Sunday School: 140</b>
Pledges & Envelope Giving		\$11,696.75
Loose Offering		622.71
Roof Repair		1.37
Food Pantry		100.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscription		14.50
Contributions – Refugee		50.00
One Great Hour		200.00
Spring Potted Flowers for Easter		260.00
Wednesday Night Meals		351.00
Youth Programs – 5K		100.00
Backpack Program		160.00
Altruistic Sunday School Class		181.00
Wayne Judd Memorial Fund		375.00

# Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Georg Weissel  
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Based on the hymn tune *Truro*  
from *Psalmody Evangelica*  
Setting by HAL H. HOPSON



(All) 1. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates; Be -  
(Choir only) 2. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where  
(Choir only) 3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make  
(All) 4. Come, Sav - ior, come with us a - bide; Our



hold the King of glo - ry waits! The  
Christ the rul - er is con - fessed! O  
it a tem - ple, set a - part From  
hearts to you we o - pen wide: Your



King of kings is draw - ing near; The  
hap - py hearts and hap - py homes To  
earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -  
Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, Un -



Sa - vior of the world is here.  
whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
til our glo - rious goal is won.

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### Maundy Thursday Love Feast and Tenebrae (3/29)

Guided Prayer and Contemplative Preparation  
5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Altruistic Room (Chapel)

Traditional Love Feast  
with Foot & Hand Washing and Communion  
6:30 p.m. in the Greeting Hall  
(Child Care available ~ 7:00 p.m. following the meal)

Liturgy of the Passion and Tenebrae  
8:00 p.m. in the Altruistic Room (Chapel)

### Holy Friday (3/30)

All Day – Contemplative space available for prayer  
and reflection in the Altruistic Room (Chapel)

Noon – Crosswalk  
sponsored by the Bridgewater Area Ministers  
Start and conclude at Bridgewater Presbyterian

### Easter Sunday (4/1)

Sunrise worship on the hilltop at Crossroads  
Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, 6:45 a.m.

Congregational Worship at 11 a.m.  
including singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus*