

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Live at 8:30 AM, Live and Live Streamed at 11:00 AM

Gathering Music (11:00) *Highland Cathedral* Charles Callahan

*Opening Words

Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

Together we shall read and understand.

Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

~ *Ministry Matters*

*Lighting the Christ Candle

*Hymn #8 (v. 1) *Brethren, we have met to worship*

Welcome

Handbell Prelude (11:00) *Appassionata* Michael Joy

***Responsive Scripture Reading** based on Isaiah 56:1-7

(Congregation reads bold)

“Do what is right! Work for justice! For my liberation is about to come, and my justice is about to be revealed.”

Happy is the person who does this, and happy is the person who holds to it, who observes the sabbath and does not profane it, and keeps one’s hands from evil deeds.

Foreigners who would follow God should not say, “God will surely exclude me from this people.” Nor should the eunuch say, “And I am a dried-up tree.” For thus says the Lord:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbath, who choose that which pleases me and hold fast to my Covenant – to them I will create within my Temple and its walls a memorial, and a name better than that of daughters and sons.

For these and for all, outsiders and outcasts, who observe the Sabbath and cling to my Covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer.

For my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples!”

~ from *The Inclusive Bible* translation

*Hymn #306 *In Christ there is no East or West*

4th Grade Bible Presentation (11:00)

Lily Diehl

Children’s Story (11:00)

Anthem (11:00) *In the Sweet By and By* arr. David Schwoebel

Prayers

Prayers of the People

Prayer Song #349 (sing twice) *Spirit of the living God*

Morning Prayers

Handbell Anthem (11:00) *When in Our Music God is Glorified*
arr. Linda Lam

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40

Testimony *Living in the Liminality* Erin Dalrymple

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

*Hymn #323 *Beyond a dying sun*

*Benediction

*Postlude (11:00) *Toccata in C Major* Johann Pachelbel
You may remain seated during the postlude or you are free to exit as you wish.

**Rise as able in body and spirit*



In Ministry with You This Morning

Worship Leaders – Erin Dalrymple, David R. Miller

Choir and Handbell Choir Director – Jim Benedict

Organist – Larry Taylor

Pianist – Mary Beth Flory

Early Service Musician – Katherine Shrader

Children’s Story – Mike Fike

Hospitality Desk – Jane Fulk

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

A-V Volunteers – Shane Brubaker Dave Lineweaver

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver

April Deacon Caregivers – Joyce and Wil Nolen

Bulletin Delivery to BRC – Carol and Wayne Spangler

BRC Shuttle Bus – Brad Neher

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for visiting our congregation this morning. We are glad to have you worship with us! Please scan this QR code to tell us about yourself and get connected with Bridgewater Church of the Brethren or fill out the form at the Hospitality Desk. We look forward to hearing from you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Bible Study in May – The pastors invite you to join us for Bible Study each Wednesday evening in May, beginning this coming Wednesday, May 1, from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Open Circle Classroom (Rooms 13/15). Together we will explore the Book of James. Please note that there is no meal before the Bible Study.

Bulletin Delivery – The Worship and Music Commission would like to find a person or persons to help with the Bulletin Delivery Team to distribute bulletins to residents of Bridgewater Retirement Community. If you would like to join this ministry, which takes approximately two hours, one day each month, contact Dale Dowdy, or Gladys Remnant.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Crisis Care for the week of April 28: Erin Dalrymple

April 28-29: Jennifer Scarr on Vacation

April 27: Brethren Woods Spring Festival and Hike-a-thon, 8 AM - 2 PM

April 30: Food Pantry Coordinating Committee, 6:30 PM, Lounge

May 1: Children's Choir, 5:30 PM, Agape Room

-YORFF, 6:00 PM, YORFF Room

-Bible Study, 6:00 PM, Room 13/15

-Christian Education Commission, 7:00 PM, Library

-Mission and Service Commission, 7:00 PM, Room 14

-Worship and Music Commission, 7:00 PM, Lounge

May 2: Sanctus Choir, 7:30 PM, Choir Room

May 3-4: Girl Scout Camp-out, Social Hall

May 4-5: Senior High Lock-in, beginning 7:00 PM on May 4

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 5: Youth Sponsored Meal & Council Meeting after 11:00 Worship

ANTHEM

In the Sweet By and By

Sanford F. Bennett

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
to prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
the melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more;
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

Do our bountiful Father above,
We will offer the tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

ATTENDANCE ON APRIL 21, 2024

7:00: 16 11:00: 138

Estimated Virtual Attendance: 173

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 327

TREASURER'S REPORT

To Church Budget: \$5,190.45 Pledged & Unpledged

Specific Funds

\$ 100.00	Youth Programs	\$ 0.75	Kitchen Renovation
\$1,445.00	Valley Interfaith Action		