

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Embracing Journeys

Engaging Faith



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

The Peace may be exchanged from Rubrics

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

John Low

One: In the midst of sadness,

All: God is with us!

One: When we are rejoicing,

All: God is with us!

One: From the lowest valley to the highest mountain,

All: God is with us!

Let us worship God!

HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near and seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Chris Foster

One: Grace to you.

All: And peace from God above and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God: you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Creator, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness as we pray...

Silence for personal confession

KYRIE

John Merbeck, 1550
Arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

One: We pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE & INVITATION TO CHILDREN

Hymn 322 - *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Seminary Intern Sara Sadler

As you think about this Children's Message as the service continues, please send a drawing or a photo of your art response that we may share with one another to Matt@bradleyhillchurch.org

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Richard Lloyd
(b. 1933)

View me, Lord

View me, Lord, a work of thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears;
But the cov'nants thou has made,
Endless, know nor days, nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly,
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

SERMON

Walking on Water

Sara Sadler

ANTHEM

Thomas Weelkes
(1576-1623)

Alleluia, I heard a voice

Alleluia.
I heard a voice as of strong thunderings, saying, Alleluia.
Salvation and glory and honour and power
be unto the Lord our God and to the Lamb for evermore.
Alleluia.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN PRAYER

Response for Concerns: O Lord, hear our prayers.

Response for Celebrations: With thanksgiving, we praise the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Please reflect on your blessings and how you might, during these times, present your offering to God in time, talent or treasure.

You can give on your phone by texting to 73256, then enter BHPC (space) and the amount of the gift, press "send" and click on the link.

Offertory

The Lord Is My Light

Stephen Sturk
(b.1962)

The Lord is my Light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing have I asked of the Lord;
One thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord.

Therefore I will offer in the dwelling of my God
an oblation with sounds of great gladness.
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise. In your Son's name we pray, amen.

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Lauda Anima

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.".

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in g minor (BWV 578)

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Parish concerns & celebrations: Our prayers are with those who are ill, injured, or facing/recovering from surgery. We celebrate the birth of Grant Harrison Antonio, grandson of Elaine and Casey Henderson and son of Steve and Jennifer.

We pray for the people of Beirut in the explosions of this week. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been part of the immediate response to the Beirut explosion via a Solidarity Grant. For further information and to support the ongoing relief efforts: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/beirut-explosion/>. BHPC's long time office administrator, Wafa Khallouf, is from Lebanon

If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Faith Community Nurse Joanie Friend (jfriend@pobox.com). If you are in need of pastoral or material support in this time, please contact David, Chris or Joanie. If you are interested in helping with grocery or prescription pick up/drop off support, please let Chris or Joanie know.

This morning's flowers are given in thanksgiving and memory for the birthdays of Joanne (August 2) and Leland Johnson, Jr (August 7), Chris' parents, and in celebration of Andrew's birthday (August 4) and her parents' anniversary (August 4, 1956), had they lived beyond their 58th year together.

Next week: DCE Matt Nabinger preaching. David is on vacation today with his family but will return to the virtual office tomorrow

We are so grateful especially now for our wonderful sound and video ministry team: Bruce Liffiton, Jim Kettler, Min Lee, Bruce Hunter and Max Kuzmyak.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. We believe you will find Bradley Hills an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey. Our history is connected to the care and nurture of children and to our supporting each other as we seek God. We encourage you to explore our bulletin and website. We hope we have a chance to greet you following worship or that you'll contact us. See you next week at church!

Many blessings,

David, the BHPC Staff, and Congregation

David@bradleyhillchurch.org

Bradley Hills is a welcoming witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that diversity in our membership – different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, races, sexual orientations, ideological and theological beliefs and experiences - is an important strength. We come from across the nation, from different denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

21 Day Racial Justice Challenge

August 1-21

You are invited to dive deeper into issues around racial justice to reflect and educate yourself. Jump into the challenge at any time. There are opportunities to meet up via zoom to reflect together with others in the congregation. Reflection opportunities will be offered Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday evenings 7:30 p.m., and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Join the 21 Day Racial Justice Challenge Realm group for zoom details under Events.

[Click here for 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge.](#)

Questions? contact [Chris Foster](#).

Zoom Adult Ed

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

August 2 and 9 - Paul and the Pandemic: Join DCE Matt Nabinger for a two-week series on the apostle Paul and his scriptural writings that continue to offer wisdom for today.

August 9 - Powers and Principalities - and the Grace that is Greater: We tend to think of sin as individual wrong actions, but for Paul, sin is so much more complex and nefarious. In this session, we will place Paul's ancient Jewish view of sin and our modern American struggle with racism in dialogue with one another. As we engage with various scripture passages by Paul, we will explore the good news that God's grace is a present and concrete reality in which we are invited to participate, even in the midst of struggle.

August 16: Fam Chock will lead us in an examination of the relationship and intersection between the African/Black American Civil Rights movement and the Asian-American movement, including an exploration of the myth of the "Model Minority" and how it is used to oppress and divide the common interests of both communities.

August 23: 50+ years ago in 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr was in the process of organizing a Poor Peoples Campaign to address issues around poverty, racism and to challenge the Vietnam War when he was assassinated. Perhaps you've heard about the NEW Poor Peoples Campaign building momentum through the last several years under the leadership of Revs William Barber and Liz Theoharris (Presbyterian!). Chris Foster will present and answer questions from her experience of learning from and being involved since 2017 (in Rhode Island), Washington State while on sabbatical (2018) and in Montgomery County and Washington DC since coming to serve at BHPC. For further info see: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org

August 30: Dr. Karl Klontz, epidemiologist with the Food and Drug Administration, will update us on the status of the global Covid-19 pandemic. Discussion will cover the status of infection in all six World Health Organization regions and summarize vaccine developments.

[Click here to join Zoom Meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 849 9652 6701

Password: 922151

You may also call in at (301) 715-8592.

8:30 In Person Worship Begins on Sunday, August 23

As BHPC plans its 1030 a.m. Sunday services this fall to be mostly on line, we look forward to finding ways to gather together. Thus, for those interested, we are starting an outdoor, in person 830 a.m. brief meditative service on Sundays. We will gather with Pastor David at 830 a.m. on the grass near the labyrinth on Sundays for a contemplative service.

Weather permitting – if it is raining at 830am, the service is cancelled. This will be a contemplative service of scripture, prayer, meditation, homily, silence, and distanced communion. Anyone who would like to participate in communion must bring their own elements, and those who would like to sit should bring a chair, though there may be some limited bench seating. There will be no singing nor music most Sundays. Masks and social distancing will be required. RSVPs will be required.

We will limit the service at first to the first 20 participants who RSVP to Linda@bradleyhillchurch.org. RSVPs will open at 7:00 a.m. on the Monday before the Sunday service. Don't email Linda until 7:00 a.m. Participants will not be able to participate two weeks in a row unless there is room as determined Fridays at 3:00 p.m. If you are feeling under the weather, do not attend for the protection of all. These services will begin on a trial basis on August 23. We hope this allows this who would like to connect in person and feel they are ok health wise to gather, to join in some in person worship.



LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lay Ministry Chairs Meeting, Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30: There will be a Lay Ministry Chairs Meeting on Zoom next Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

September BHX Deadline: The deadline for the September issue of the BHX is August 15. Please send anything you would included to Linda Reynolds.

Bible Study will not meet this week: Please join us by Zoom at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19 to discuss upcoming scripture. Please contact [Terry Brady](#) for the Bible Study Zoom link.

Friday Noon Prayer Time: Join Chris through the end of August for prayer by phone on Fridays at noon. Call 712-451-1098 and enter access code: 413906.

BHPC Book Group Discussion Meeting (All are invited) Sunday September 13, 3:30 - 5:00 via Zoom: Two books have been chosen for the September meeting. These books are not directly linked by theme. It is just an opportunity to read two types of books. *Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin (1963) - the author addressed racial tensions in the US and the necessity of embracing change and evolving past our limited ways of thinking about race. *Becoming* by Michelle Obama (2018) - The author talks about the various roles she has played, from daughter to mother to political spouse to First Lady, crediting her parents for the values they instilled in her and their emphasis on education. Please contact Mary Hickey (maryhickey4415@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Allen (mpallen114@aol.com) if you have questions or comments.


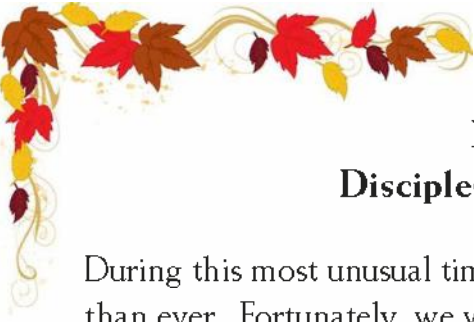
Blessing of the Babies: In this time of social distancing, we are not able to hold baptisms. We will look forward to celebrating the sacrament of baptism with you when we are able to return to the building. In the meantime, if you would like to have a virtual blessing of your baby during worship, [email David@bradleyhillschurch.org](mailto:email.David@bradleyhillschurch.org).

Celebrate Chris Foster's Ministry with Bradley Hills!
Save the Date!
Sunday, August 30

After two exciting years together, we prepare for Chris Foster to complete her ministry with Bradley Hills and return to Rhode Island. Chris's time as our Associate Pastor draws to a close at the end of August. We plan to celebrate her ministry with thanks and appreciation on Sunday, August 30. Please save the date and watch for more details!

Gifts in Chris's Name. As part of our thanks and celebration, Bradley Hills invites your gifts for three charities near to Chris's heart. Gifts by check may be directed to the attention of Amy de Court at the church office. Checks should be made payable to Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church and reference "Foster Gift" in the memo line. Gifts may also be made through the BHPC website GIVE NOW button, through Realm, or by texting your gift to 73256 and typing "BHPC 100" for a \$100 gift (or any amount.) Be sure you select the fund "Celebrating Chris!" Gifts should be made by September 7, 2020. Gifts received will be divided equally between the two orphanages where Chris and Andrew Foster adopted their two children and our local charity, Bethesda Cares. More information on these organizations can be found online: [Bharatiya Samaj Seva Kendra](#), [St. Theresa's Tender Loving Care](#), and [Bethesda Cares](#).

Memory Book. We are also preparing a memory book for Chris, with your pictures, stories, and words of thanks and appreciation. Cindy Stauffer and Louise Meyer are preparing the memory book. Please direct your pictures, notes, stories and questions to Cindy (clearns@aol.com) or Louise (louisemeyer87@yahoo.com). Please get your materials to Cindy or Louise by Sunday, August 23 (so they have time to put together the book).



Fall Sermon Series: Discipleship in the Pandemic World

During this most unusual time we need the rock of our faith perhaps more than ever. Fortunately, we worship a God who loves us so much to come to us in Jesus Christ to show us how to live, even in trying times. The Gospel of John presents a wonderful view of Jesus. Who he was, how he loved and what he teaches. Join us this fall as we share a series of messages from John's Gospel about following Christ during these time.

September 13

David preaching "The Invitation to Discipleship" based on John 1

September 20

David preaching "The Kingdom of God" based on John 18

September 27 - Confirmation Sunday

Join us as our youth formally join the church

David preaching "Reliance" based on John 4 and 5

October 4 - World Communion Sunday

Virtual communion

David preaching "Nothing May be Lost" based on John 6



A Statement from Pastor David

Bradley Hills believes strongly that racism has no place in God's world. We believe that all of humanity is created in the image of God and that each person is of holy and equal worth.

Because every human is fully loved by God, Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as our self. To deny the dignity of any person is a sin. God has told us what is good - to do justice, to love kindness and mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.



Recommended Resources on Anti-Racism: Thank you to our members who are leading in the fight against racism. They have contributed to this list and we encourage everyone to become active in this work. If you would like to add additional resources, please contact [Linda Reynolds](#).

If you would like to learn more about what Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is doing to fight racism, please join the Social Justice group on Realm.

[Click here](#) for Recommended Resources on Anti-Racism
or go to bradleyhillchurch.org.

KEEPING UP WITH GIVING DURING THE SHUTDOWN



BHPC's 2020 Stewardship theme – Abundant Blessing, Abundant Gratitude, Abundant Giving – continues to frame the life our church. Even during this time when we cannot gather in person, we hope that each of you can discern how God continues to shower blessings on us all, individually and as a church family, and in gratitude for those blessings, give abundantly to support God's work at BHPC.

Now more than ever, we want to ensure that everyone is aware of the many methods of giving that are available, whether you are a long-time BHPC member, a virtual visitor, or looking to simplify your giving habits. So, here is a comprehensive list of the ways you can give to BHPC.

Online: All methods of online giving will direct you to Realm, BHPC's virtual connection tool, where you can securely enter any giving amount; designate which "fund" should receive your donation (e.g., "General Giving," the "Annual Pledge" or even the "Easter Fund"); and choose whether to make a one-time donation or a recurring donation. For all online giving, you will need a credit or debit card. There are three methods of online giving:

- [The "Give" Button](#): Simply click the red "Give" button found on the top right corner of the BHPC website and you be directed to Realm.
- Text "BHPC" [space] dollar amount" (ex. "BHPC 150" for a \$150 gift) to 73256 and follow the link.
- [Log into Realm](#) via the App or from the website and choose the "Giving" option.

Check: Please make checks payable to "Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church" and mail to the church office. As with online giving, you may indicate a special designation by writing that in the memo field.

Gifts of Securities (e.g., stocks, bonds, etc.): Transferring securities to Bradley Hills' brokerage account is a great way to donate appreciated securities while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes. To learn more about this giving option, please see our website under the [SERVE](#) tab and then "Ways for You to Give."

Check this space for future updates on the status of giving at BHPC, and thank you for supporting our mission to reflect God's gracious love by following Christ's example to welcome, nurture, heal and serve.



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