Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Embracing Journeys
Engaging Faith

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Gathering Together

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Carillon Peal

Prayer of Preparation

Gathering Music

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Jesu, meine Freude; *BWV* 227

I. Chorale: *Jesu, meine Freude*

Jesu, meine Freude,	Jesus, my joy,
meines Herzens Weide,	my heart's pasture,
Jesu, meine Zier!	Jesus, my treasure!
Ach wie lang, ach lange,	Ah, how long, ah long
ist dem Herzen bange	has my heart suffered
und verlangt nach dir!	and longed for you!
Gottes Lamm, mein Bräutigam,	God's lamb, my bridegroom,
außer dir soll mir auf Erden	besides You on earth
nichts sonst Liebers werden.	nothing shall be dearer to me.

Call to Worship

DCE Matt Nabinger

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
All: and the sky proclaims God's handiwork.
One: The law of the Lord is perfect,
All: reviving the soul.
One: The decrees of the Lord are sure,
All: making wise the simple.
One: God's wisdom is sweeter than honey,
All: and of more value than the finest gold.
In love and devotion, let us worship God.

Welcome and Congregational Life Shared

Pastor David Gray

One: May the eyes of our hearts be opened.
All: That we might experience God and the hope to which we are called.

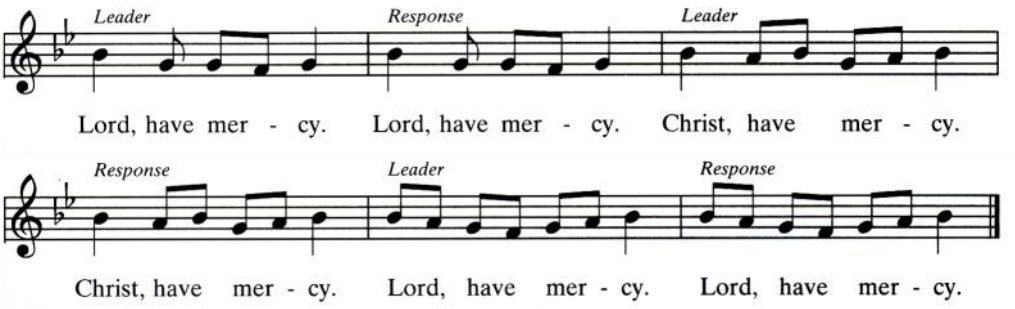
Confessing and Praising

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *(unison)*

Loving God, in this Lenten season, we rejoice that the cross displays your power and your love. We rejoice that at the cross, good triumphed over evil, life defeated death. And we ask, O God, that you forgive us when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world that we demand signs or seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence. Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that Christ's power was made perfect in weakness. Forgive our reluctance, O God, to proclaim with our lips and our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord. May we empty ourselves of all that hinders such proclamation of our faith …

Silence for personal confession

Kyrie Harm. Richard Proulx, 1984



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 87, v. 1,** *Erhalt Uns, Herr*

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Experiencing God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NT Page 166

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem J.S. Bach

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II. Chor: *Es ist un nichts*

Es ist nun nichts Verdammliches an denen, die in Christo Jesu sind, die nicht nach dem Fleische wandeln, sondern nach dem Geist.

Now there is nothing damnable in those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk after the way of the flesh, but after the way of the Spirit.

III. Choral: *Unter deinen Schirmen*

Unter deinen Schirmen
Bin ich für den Stürmen
Aller Feinde frei.
Laß den Satan wittern,
Laß den Feind erbittern,
Mir steht Jesus bei.
Ob es itzt gleich kracht und blitzt,
Ob gleich Sünd und Hölle schrecken,
Jesus will mich decken.

Under your protection
I am safe from the storms
of all enemies.
Let Satan rage,
let the enemy fume,
Jesus stands with me.
Whether now it thunders and flashes,
whether sin and Hell terrify,
Jesus will protect me.

IV. Chor: *Denn das Gesetz des Geistes*

Denn das Gesetz des Geistes, der da lebendig machet in Christo Jesu, hat mich frei gemacht von dem Gesetz der Sünde und des Todes.

For the law of the spirit, which gives life in Christ Jesus, has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Sermon The Message of the Cross Matt Nabinger

ANTHEM J.S. Bach

Jesu, meine Freude; *BWV 227*

V. Choral: *Trotz dem alten Drachen*

Trotz dem alten Drachen,
trotz des Todes Rachen,
trotz der Furcht dazu!
Tobe, Welt, und springe,
ich steh hier und singe
in gar sichrer Ruh!
Gottes Macht hält mich in acht,
Erd und Abgrund muß verstummen,
ob sie noch so brummen.

Defiance to the old dragon,
defiance to the vengeance of death,
defiance to fear as well!
Rage, world, and attack;
I stand here and sing
in entirely secure peace!
God's strength holds me in watch;
earth and abyss must fall silent,
however much they might rumble.

VI. Chor: *Ihr aber seid nicht fleischlich*

Ihr aber seid nicht fleischlich, sondern geistlich, so anders Gottes Geist in euch wohnet. Wer aber Christi Geist nicht hat, der ist nicht sein.

You, however, are not of the flesh, but rather of the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives otherwise in you. Anyone, however, who does not have Christ's Spirit, is not His.

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 Anthem — J.S. Bach

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VII. Chorale: *Weg mit allen Schätzen*

Weg mit allen Schätzen,
du bist mein Ergötzen,
Jesu, meine Lust!
Weg, ihr eitlen Ehren,
ich mag euch nicht hören,
bleibt mir unbewußt!
Elend, Not, Kreuz, Schmach und Tod
soll mich, ob ich viel muß leiden,
nicht von Jesu scheiden.

Away with all treasures,
you are my delight,
Jesus, my joy!
Away, you vain honors,
I don't want to listen to you,
remain unknown to me!
Misery, want, torture, shame and death
shall, although I must suffer much,
never part me from Jesus.

VIII. Chor: *So aber Christus in euch ist*

So aber Christus in euch ist, so ist der Leib zwar tot um der Sünde willen, der Geist aber ist das Leben um der Gerechtigkeit willen.

However if Christ is in you, then the body is dead indeed for the sake of sin; but the spirit is life for the sake of righteousness.

IX. Chorale: *Gute Nach, o Wesen*

Gute Nacht, o Wesen,
Das die Welt erlesen!
Mir gefällst du nicht.
Gute Nacht, ihr Sünden,
Bleibet weit dahinten,
Kommt nicht mehr ans Licht!
Gute Nacht, du Stolz und Pracht!
Dir sei ganz, du Lasterleben,
Gute Nacht gegeben!

Good night, existence
that cherishes the world!
You do not please me.
Good night, sins,
stay far away,
never again come to light!
Good night, pride and glory!
To you utterly, life of corruption,
be good night given!

X. Chor: *So nun der Geist des*

So nun der Geist des, der Jesum von den Toten auferwecket hat, in euch wohnet, so wird auch derselbige, der Christum von den Toten auferwecket hat, eure sterblichen Leiber lebendig machen, um des willen, daß sein Geist in euch wohnet.

Therefore now since the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, that same who raised Christ from the dead will make your mortal bodies living, for the sake of His spirit that dwells in you.

XI. Chorale: *Weicht, ihr Trauergeister*

Weicht, ihr Trauergeister,	Hence, you spirits of sadness,
denn mein Freudenmeister,	for my Master of joy,
Jesus, tritt herein.	Jesus, comes here.
Denen, die Gott lieben,	For those who love God,
muß auch ihr Betrüben	even their troubles
lauter Zucker sein.	must be pure sugar.
Duld' ich schon hier Spott und Hohn,	Though I endure mockery and shame here already,
dennoch bleibst du auch im Leide,	nevertheless you stay with me even in sorrow,
Jesu, meine Freude.	Jesus, my joy.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication *(unison)*

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the cross of Christ. May our gifts and offerings be a sign of our intention to hear your word and obey. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN 371 Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (*Refrain*)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (*Refrain*)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (*Refrain*)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (*Refrain*)

Charge and Benediction

Passing the Peace of Christ

Parish concerns & celebrations: Our prayers are with those who are ill, injured, or facing/ recovering from surgery. If you would like to join our prayer chain or share a prayer concern, contact Faith Community Nurse Joanie Friend (jfriend@pobox.com).

Next week: Communion, David preaching "How to be Filled" based on Luke 16:19-31

We are grateful to our Flower Guild for our beautiful flowers on the Chancel each Sunday.

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.

Connecting with Your Community: You are invited to pre adult ed Coffee "hour" at 8:45 a.m.

Music Notes: The motet, in Bach's time, was used in weekly religious services. In the example of Bach's Thomaskirche, the motet would be performed at the beginning of each service. While there are many assumptions about the origins of *Jesu, meine Freude*, conflicting documentation makes any decisive determination impossible. The textual design of this, Bach's longest and most complex motet, is impressive and unusual in its own right. All six verses of the chorale text are set, interspersed by several verses from Romans forming an eleven movement set of chorale variations. It is the transformative quality of these verses that seems best to explain Bach's structural framework of the piece which is virtually palindromic: the second movement of the motet speaks of those who are "in Christ," whereas the next to last movement turns the idea around referring to the Spirit of Christ dwelling "in you." Much of the same musical material is utilized in both verses. Other mirror images abound. The work opens and closes with a simple four-part setting of the chorale. The fourth movement is a trio for high voices, the fourth to last, a trio for low voices. The centerpiece is a fugue of exquisite tenderness and lyricism.

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@bradleyhillschurch.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.

Family Lent Zoom Services

March 14, 21, and 28
9:30-9:55 a.m.

Join Pastor David and Matt as they lead Family Zoom Worship Services for the final three Sundays of Lent! We will sing songs, hear kid-friendly messages, and think about ways to observe Lent with our families. This service is open to all, but of special interest to families with children in preschool and elementary school.

Click here to join Zoom service
Meeting ID: 823 4672 6199

Lenten Devotions

To support our Lenten journey, we have suggested scripture readings on our website for you to use each day of Lent starting on February17 as you walk the Christian journey with Jesus towards the cross and to Easter. See scriptures at

Lenten Devotions for 2021

BHPC Friends of Music/Bradley Hills Presents

Trailblazers of the Piano
Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Brian Ganz, *piano*

Beethoven, Chopin, and Debussy

The Washington Post writes: "One comes away from a recital by pianist Brian Ganz not only exhilarated by the power of the performance but also moved by his search for artistic truth." One of Belgium's leading newspapers, *La Libre Belgique* goes further, writing: "We don't have the words to speak of this fabulous musician who lives music with a generous urgency and brings his public into a state of intense joy." Join Ganz in the warm acoustics of Bradley Hills Church and on our warm 1904 Steinway B piano for an intimate concert to feature works by Beethoven, Chopin, and Debussy. This performance will be livestreamed and available On Demand through March 20, 2021.

Livestream tickets: $30 for households. Links to the livestream and program will be sent out immediately prior to the concert via email to the email address used when purchasing tickets. Tickets: www.BradleyHillsChurch.org/Concerts

Exploring Membership

If you would like to learn more about BHPC, get connected or explore membership, email David for more information. New Members will join on March 21.

Upcoming Adult Education

February 28: Officer Dana Stroman, Montgomery County Police Department—*Community Policing in a Diverse Community.* Officer Stroman is the Community Outreach Officer for MCPD's Second District, which includes Friendship Heights, Chevy Chase, Bethesda, North Bethesda, and Potomac. She has more than two decades of experience in community policing, a public safety "best practice" that uses community partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address crime, the fear of crime, and other social disorders.

March 7, 14, and 21: Dr. Marcia Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary – *Reimagining Beloved Community in a Polarized Church and Society*. In this special three-week Lenten series, Dr. Riggs will examine how people of faith respond in an age of protest and polarization. Questions guiding the series will be:

- Why are we so afraid and angry?
- What is moral courage?
- What is moral advocacy?

The series will use poetry, music, art, and video to reflect ethically upon these three questions. Participants will engage these sources as the basis for dialogical interpretation of scriptures for Lent (selections from the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings).

Dr. Riggs is the inaugural J. Erskine Love Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. She has an undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon Women's College, a Master's of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a PhD. in religion and ethics from Vanderbilt University. She is an award-winning teacher, researcher, and theologian.

March 28 (Palm Sunday): Father David Grenier, OFM, Vicar and Secretariat of the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, DC—*History and Responsibilities of the Franciscans as Custody of the Holy Land.* What better day to visit the holy sites of Jerusalem than Palm Sunday? Few can offer a tour as authoritative as Father Grenier, who has lived in the Holy Land for several years caring for the sites that are central to our faith.

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 857 6618 3170
You may also call in at (301) 715-8592.

Upcoming Worship

As recognize that one year ago this Lent, Covid forced us to retreat and be stuck at home, socially distant, and inwardly focused, this Lent we explore what the Gospel tells us about the value of Getting Outside Ourselves again.

February 28
Matt Nabinger preaching

March 7
Communion
David preaching "How to be Filled"
Luke 16:19-31

March 14
David preaching "The Key to Happiness"
Mark 8:31–38
Daylight saving time begins

March 21
Eunice Yang preaching

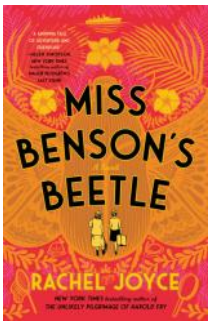
March 28 - Palm Sunday
David preaching "Entering the Arena"
John 12:12-19

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lay Ministry Night, Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 pm. The chairs dinner will be at 6:30.

Bible Study, Wednesday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Join David by Zoom on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming scripture. Please contact Terry Brady for the Bible Study Zoom link.

Love (and Feed) Your Neighbor: Please consider volunteering to provide a dinner for the 16 - 18 men of Dorothy Day Place, a long-term residential facility for single adults suffering homelessness in Montgomery County. Bradley Hills provides dinner on the second Monday of each month; food can be delivered on Sunday if necessary, or on Monday before 5:30. A wholesome meal is all that is needed; entrée, salad or vegetable, dessert/ fruit, beverage. Please sign up via Sign-Up Genius or email Kate Picard at k8picard@gmail.com or Jennifer Kline at jennkline0329@gmail.com for more information. Delivery is contact-free. This men's shelter used to be called Bethesda House, but is now part of Dorothy Day Place. Our commitment is to provide dinners for the men living there; other groups provide for the women.



BHPC Book Group Meeting via Zoom, today from 3:30 - 4:45: The Book Group will discuss *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. Set after WW II, this is a character-driven novel about two unlikely women who embark on an unlikely journey. The story is about an evolving friendship and is filled with poignancy, humor, and intrigue. Please contact Mary Hickey (maryhickey4415@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Allen (mpllen114@aol.com) if you have questions or comments. All are invited! Click here for Zoom link. Meeting ID: 871 3369 1978. You may call in at 301-715- 8592.

The Nursery School continues to work towards a Spring Term reopening. The Spring Term will take place between April 6 and June 16. In addition to the Spring Term, the school will be offering two sessions of Summer Camp program between mid-June and mid-July. Lastly, the school is planning on opening in September 2021 with a return to normal operations. The school administration is very excited to be preparing for the return of many small and smiling little faces. We think the children will love our planned play-based, outdoor focused programming which will be full of exploration and learning. If you have any questions about our reopening plans or would like to enroll your child in the nursery school program, please visit our website at www.bhpcns.org or call the school office at 301-365-2909

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

March 28 at 10:30 a.m. on Livestream
David preaching "Entering the Arena"
based on John 12:12-19
Family Service at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Sara Sadler preaching

Good Friday

April 2 at 7:30 p.m.
David preaching "Denying Discipleship"
Special Music

Easter Sunday

April 4
David preaching

Ordained and Lay Leadership

Session: Bethany Frick ('21), Walter Hill ('21), Louise Meyer ('21), Sean Owens ('21), Brent Coffey ('22), Neil Imus ('22), Rebekah Liu ('22), Rosanna Morrison ('22), Doug Anderson ('23), Dave Burgett ('23), Stacey Milne ('23), Shizuko Sei ('23) and Jackson Biggs ('21)

Deacons: Jana Coffey ('21), Bill Edelblut ('21), Bie Fox ('21), James Scroggs ('21), Mike Frenkel ('22), June Kyakobye ('22), Judy Ozone ('22), Frank Randall ('22), Carol Frenkel ('23), Mark Kindig ('23), Cliff Ty ('23), Tamae Wong ('23) and Allie Coffey ('21)

Lay Ministry Chairs: Bill Perry (Worship & Arts), Myla Williams (Mission Coordination), Todd McCreight (Finance), Linda Kauskay (Property Management), Andrew Milne (Personnel), Cathie Lutter and Amanda Owens (Children's Ministry), Tara Eliason (Youth Ministry), Steve Fox and Dianne Whitaker (Adult Education), Fam SaeChao Chock (Outreach and New Members), Bonnie Peyer (Stewardship), George Petrides (Nominating), and Bonnie Holcomb and Sara Inati (Connectional)

Worship Captains: Mary Hickey (Chancel Guild), Lisa Suggs Wilson and Jon Winslow (Communion Team), Joy Panagides and Bie Fox (Flower Guild), Corky Hickey and Susie Wellman (Usher Team), Bruce Liffiton (Sound System), Andrew Wolvin (Chancel Players), Tom Biggs (Lay Readers)

Mission Statement

To reflect God's gracious love by following
Christ's example to welcome, nurture, heal and serve.

Vision Statement

A vibrant caring community that draws
and energizes people to grow in faith,
serving together to make every breath count.

KEEPING UP WITH GIVING DURING THE SHUTDOWN

BHPC's 2021 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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