

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

*Embracing Journeys
Engaging Faith*



Youth Sunday
June 28, 2020
10:30 a.m.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CARILLON PEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Ben Christensen

GATHERING MUSIC

Largo, from Xerxes; *HWV 40*

Georg Frederick Handel
(1685-1759)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jessica Llewellyn

One: God has a plan for each of us;

All: Let us follow God's plan.

One: God includes and accepts us all;

All: We include and accept God into our lives.

One: We live in God's light.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

Mc Kee

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

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*)

Laurel Petrides

Gracious God, although we may forget your constant presence in a time of constant uncertainty, continue to guide us. Although we grow weary, help us to remain upright. Although we lose sight of the future and become lost in the dark of the present, forgive us, and gift us hope for tomorrow. Remind us of the strength of Your light that never falters and help us to reflect its resilience. Grant us mercy, O Lord, as we confess...

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

Lucy Low & Caroline Milne

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@bradleyhillschurch.org.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Jessica Llewellyn

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS

Jessica Llewellyn

Ben Christensen

ANTHEM

These alone are enough

Dan Schutte

(b. 1947)

Lucy Low, Caroline Milne and Marie Marquis

Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.

I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.

Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.

I return to you your gifts untold.

Give me nothing more than your love and grace.

Give me nothing more than your love and grace.

These alone, O God, are enough for me.

These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.

When the darkness falls on my final days,

Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.

take the very breath that sang your praise.

Give me nothing more than your love and grace.

Give me nothing more than your love and grace.

These alone, O God, are enough for me.

These alone, O God, are enough for me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:28-31

Laurel Petrides

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS

Laurel Petrides

Lucy Low

Caroline Milne

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

Ben Christensen

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

Richard Strauss
(1864-1949)

Morgen; Op. 27, No. 4

Marie Marquis, soprano

Und morgen wird die Sonne wieder scheinen	<i>And tomorrow the sun will shine again</i>
Und auf dem Wege, den ich gehen werde,	<i>And on the path that I shall take,</i>
Wird uns, die Glücklichen, sie wieder einen	<i>It will unite us, happy ones, again,</i>
Inmitten dieser sonnenatmenden Erde...	<i>Amid this same sun-breathing earth...</i>
Und zu dem Strand, dem weiten, wogenblauen,	<i>And to the shore, broad, blue-waved,</i>
Werden wir still und langsam niedersteigen,	<i>We shall quietly and slowly descend,</i>
Stumm arden wir uns in die Augen schauen,	<i>Speechless we shall gaze into each other's eyes,</i>
Und auf uns sinkt des Glückes stummes Schweigen...	<i>And the speechless silence of bliss shall fall on us...</i>

Doxology - Hymn 592

Old Hundredth

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Lucy Low

Loving God, thank you for giving us the patience to endure difficult times and for your constant presence. Thank you for steadying our paths and granting us the wisdom to grow and go forth into your light. Receive our offerings and use them to bring the light to all people. Amen.

Blessing for Our Graduates

DCE Matt Nabinger

One: Graduates, today we celebrate who you are.

All: We celebrate the many ways we see God in you as well as the many ways God will continue to transform you on your journey of faith.

One: The church congregation recognizes that your senior year was strange and difficult in ways you never expected it to be.

All: You have come through with a stronger sense of who you are and a deeper faith in Christ.

One: We offer these blankets as a symbol of the love and comfort from this community that will always be yours. Pray with me as we bless our graduates.

All: Loving God, grant these graduates strength and determination as their life journey continues on exciting new paths. May they remember that the faith nurtured in them at Bradley Hills is strong enough and big enough to grow in new communities. Help them to discover their deep desires. May they reach for more than accolades and degrees. May they discover and embody the calling you have given to them. Help them to remember that when they are lost, you will come find them. When they make mistakes, you will show mercy. When they are filled with joy, you will sing over them. There is nothing that can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Prelude in C Major; *BWV 543*

Johann Sebastian 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, especially Farid Beltran's brother Joel and DelCarla Shorter's grandmother. We celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Terry and Kathy Brady..

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.

Next week: Chris preaching "Lessons from the Early Church" based on Acts 2:37-47 and Virtual Communion. Pastor David is in Ohio today to be with family for a special birthday, but returns 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.

Helping in Worship: If you would like to help in worship this summer with reading scripture and leading prayers on a Sunday, email david@bradleyhillchurch.org.

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.

Parade to Celebrate our High School Graduates

Join us in a parade through the church parking lot circle following worship. Please meet 11:50 - noon at the Bradley Hills Elementary School (8701 Hartsdale Avenue) parking lot to organize under the direction of the Eliason family. The parade will then travel to Greentree Road entrance of BHPC. If you are arriving after noon come directly to the church to join in the parade as we circle the church. The grads will be outside on the perimeter of the church to receive your physically distant congratulations. Car decoration and cards welcome. Bring your party hats, noise makers, waves and smiles appreciated-come let us celebrate together! All ages appreciated as we show our continuing support.



LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Adult Ed today from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. "The Soul of America"-Part 3:"Racial Injustice: Recognition, Repentance, Will and Hope" Following watching the PBS interview with Bryan Stevenson "How to change the culture of Policing," Adult Education will invite Elder Nadia Schmiedigen to give her remarks on how we can change the narrative of injustice for the future and for our children. [Click here to join Adult Ed on Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 849 9652 6701, Password: 922151 or you may call in at (301) 715-8592.

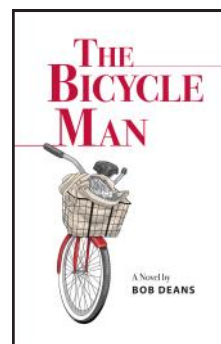
Parent Social, Sunday, June 28 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. While in-person Family Connections Lunches are on hiatus, Children's Ministry invites parents to gather for this hour to share how their families are coping and think about how to keep our children connected to God and church while we physically cannot be together. Zoom fatigue may be setting in, but this is a no-expectations gathering, meaning we expect to see your kids and pets coming in and out. So please relax, grab your favorite beverage, and join us!

[Click here to RSVP for Parent Social.](#)

Congregation-wide Book Discussion, today from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Zoom: The BHPC Book Group will host a congregation-wide book discussion about Bob Deans' new novel *The Bicycle Man* today from 3:30 - 5:00 via Zoom.

All the books that Bob provided have been distributed. However, as people finish reading their book, we are sure some would be willing to lend their copy to someone else. Please contact Mary Hickey (maryhickey4415@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Allen (mpallen114@aol.com) if you would like a copy to read. We are willing to orchestrate the exchange of books..

Brief Summary of Book: For Sandy Rivers, the known world is the Richmond suburban landscape of his morning paper route, an intimate if unsteady place where the illusions of comfort, sanctuary and myth are shattered by daily headlines that chronicle a country torn by war in Vietnam, the struggle for Civil Rights and the search for American purpose. It is the spring of 1968. This is the story of an era that helped shape our country and define our times, told through one boy's extraordinary journey through his own personal life in a small patch of America. As part of this, he realizes the debt he can never repay to someone he knows only as the Bicycle Man.



Visiting Team Ministry Meeting, Monday, June 29, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Training topic: Grief. All are welcome to the training session (7:30 - 8:30 p.m.) as we explore grief dynamics in light of these days. Call debriefing and assignments for team members (8:30 - 9:00 p.m.). Contact [Chris](#) for zoom link which will also appear in Realm Visiting Team Ministry events.

Bible Study, Wednesday, July 1 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please join us by Zoom at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday to discuss upcoming scripture. Please contact [Terry Brady](#) for the Bible Study Zoom link.

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

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.

Service on the Nominating Committee: Our BHPC Nominating Committee is charged with helping lift up Elders, Deacons, Lay Ministry Chairs and Nominating members for leadership in the congregation. If you would like to be considered to serve on the Nominating Committee or to suggest someone for it, contact committee chair George Petrides. (georgejr@wildbird.com).

Covid-19 Response: Help is needed to support families of our Smart Sacks partner Arcola Elementary. They are currently providing additional support to 100 families with new unemployment and direct impact of covid-19 beyond weekend food. Donated items may be dropped off to

Social Worker Indra Martinez
Linkages for Learning at Arcola Elementary
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Items particularly needed are diaper wipes, feminine pads, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. Also other food items such as cooking oil, salt, sugar, etc. are appreciated. Target or Amazon electronic gift cards may also be forwarded to Indra for them to purchase needed items: lmartinez@every-mind.org. Please email [Judy Webster](mailto:jcarweb@comcast.net) if you want to donate items and Judy will be happy to deliver your donation to Arcola.

New Social Justice Group in Realm: We've formed a Social Justice Group in Realm, and are posting to this group events and action opportunities in response to the ongoing Black Lives Matter "awakening." To access this information, please join the Social Justice Group in Realm. After logging into Realm, click on Groups on the left side, then click on Social Justice under Groups, then click on Join Social Justice Group near the top of the screen. That will send a message to me, at which point I'll click you into this new Realm Group, and you'll see the events and action opportunities that have been posted. You'll also be able to add to the posts. Thank you! Myla Williams (myla.williams@gmail.com).



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 of 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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