



THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
29 Mount Desert Street Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

June 2, 2024

10:00 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

'Presto'

from Sonata in G Major, BWV 1021 by Johann Sebastian Bach

SILENT REFLECTION (*The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry*)

When despair for the world grows in me
 and I wake in the night at the least sound
 in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
 I go and lie down where the wood drake
 rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
 I come into the peace of wild things
 who do not tax their lives with forethought
 of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
 And I feel above me the day-blind stars
 waiting with their light. For a time
 I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

BHCC This Week

Sunday, June 2 nd	9:15am BHCC Choir 10am Worship Service at BHCC & on Zoom 11:15am Coffee Fellowship
Monday, June 3 rd	6pm BHCC Choir - all voices welcome !
Wednesday, June 5 th	1 pm BHCC Outreach meeting 7pm BHCC spring chill for 8 th Graders
Thursday, June 6 th	7:30am BHCC Men's Breakfast at Everyday Joe's 11am Bible study (@ BHCC and via Zoom) 6:30pm Evening Prayer (in-person & via BHCC Facebook Live)
Friday, June 7 th	8am MDI Backpack Program packing
Saturday, June 8 th	10am Prayer shawl knitting workshop 12pm Bar Harbor Pride Festival
Sunday, June 9 th <i>BHCC Pride Sunday</i>	9:15am BHCC Choir 10am Worship Service at BHCC & on Zoom 11:15am Coffee Fellowship
<i>Coming up:</i>	June 10 – Holden Evening Prayer at BHCC (6pm) – all welcome June 16 – Recognition of BHCC 50+ year members June 30 – BHCC Choir & Music cookout celebration (12pm, alumni welcome!)

Kathy Woodside, Liturgist; Chloe Bolt, Cindy & Rod Fox, Steve Grubb, Mackette Kark, Sarah Laskey worship technicians.

This week's flowers are given by David & Kathy Woodside in memory of loved ones.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God (blue S & S p. 171)*

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Seekers Church)*

God, you search me and know me.
Before I sit, you know when I will rise.

God, you search me and know me.
Before I speak, you know what I will say.

God, you search me and know me,
in my joy and despair, in my breathing in and breathing out.

God, you search me and know me.
Your knowledge is too deep to reach, too vast to comprehend.

God, you search me and know me.
Search me, O God, and know my heart.

HYMN *Lift every voice and sing (blue S & S p. 118)*

Lift every voice and sing, 'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God who has by your might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

OPENING PRAYER

(from RCL Prayers)

Let us pray.

Lord of the Sabbath, both lawgiver and outlaw, you lift burdens from our shoulders and entrust your treasure to our clay. Sabbath in us a rest – joyful as tambourines, nourishing as bread, and available to all people, both rich and poor - so that withered bodies and broken spirits can be made whole. We pray this in your name. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

(Red PH # 513)

Please use words that are most meaningful to you

Glory to the Almighty,
to Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

At this point children in grades 3 - 8 are welcome to attend Sunday School, or stay for the remainder of worship. Nursery care is always available

Prayers of the community

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

Please use words that are most meaningful to you

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 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.

Sung Response *Just a closer walk with thee, v. 1 (blue S & S p. 101)*

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 5, verses 12-15

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

A reading from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 2 verse 23, through chapter 3, verse 6

One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?”

And Jesus said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

MEDITATION

*The sabbath was made for humankind
Rev. Kiah Baxter*

SPECIAL MUSIC

'Sing for Joy' from Judas Maccabeus
By George Frederick Handel
BHCC Choir

THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

'Larghetto' from Sonata in D Major, Op. 1 No. 13
by George Frederick Handel

***Doxology (red PH # 515)**

Please use words that are most meaningful to you

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Dedication (by Jenna Campbell)

Holy God, may these gifts bring good news to those in need. May your generosity to us inspire our generosity to those you have called us to care for: the vulnerable, the lost, the forgotten, and the hungry. May these gifts become gifts of hope through you. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Rev. Mindi)**

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation can feel impossible.
But we know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come, seeking healing and wholeness.
Help us to live at peace with others.
For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed, denied, and put to death.
He rose again, and came with the message of peace
even to those who had denied him and abandoned him and crucified him.
May we walk in his ways.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(by Rev. Mindi)

Beloved: nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place we can go, nowhere we can run,
where God cannot find us.
There is nothing that separates us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled.
Go and live with the love and joy of God.
Let us share a sign of God's grace and peace
with those around us.

SHARING OF PEACE

HYMN

Precious Lord, take my hand (blue S & S p. 150)

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sursum Corda

Leader: May God be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus sat at the table with his friends, and he took the bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: “this is my body, broken for you. Whenever you do this, remember me.”

Eucharistic Prayer

(from the Iona Community)

God of new life, send your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may become for us heaven’s food and drink: healing, forgiving, making us whole; and that we may become your body, loving and caring in the world until your kin-dom comes.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: All are welcome to this feast of grace.

Sharing of bread and cup

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The cup of Christ, for our reconciliation.

Prayer after communion

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table with the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

They'll know we are Christians (blue S & S p. 197)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. ***Refrain***

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. ***Refrain***

All praise, our Creator, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, the only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. ***Refrain***

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

(by Terri)

Holy God, whose voice calls in the stillness of night and in the clatter
of day:

May we love as you love.

Steady us through trials and turbulence, your hands holding us close.

May we love as you love.

Remove the barriers that keep us apart.

May we love as you love.

Lift our hearts and our lives to the light of your grace.

May we love as you love.

We go in peace to love and serve our God.

Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE *Lo Yisa Goy*
from Isaiah 2: 4

“they shall beat their swords into plowshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Music: Shalom Altman
 Text: Isaiah 2: 4

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Lo yi-sa goi el goi che - rev, lo yil-m' - du od mil-cha - mah. Lo yi-sa
 goi el goi che - rev, lo yil-m' - du od mil-cha - mah. Lo yi-sa goi el
 goi che - rev, lo yil-m' du od mil-cha-mah. Lo yi-sa goi el goi che - rev,
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 du od mil - cha - mah. Lo yi - sa goi el goi che -
 rev, lo yil - m' - du od mil - cha - mah.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 nor will they study war any more.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

LIVE & ZOOM COFFEE