

In God's Image

When I look across the crowd, I see eyes of searching,
eyes of uncertainty,
eyes of hope looking back at me.

The face is not my face.
The skin is not my skin.
The dress is not my dress.
And I feel my own eyes searching my soul.
What is stirring within me?

You, O God, became flesh and blood and dwelt among us.
From every nation, you have created each of us in your image.
How can I presume your image looks like me?

You stand in front of us in this crowd,
and you invite us, O God, to look at you—
you who might be different than me.

From every nation, O God, you bring blessing, glory, wisdom.
From every nation, you bring thanksgiving, honor, power.

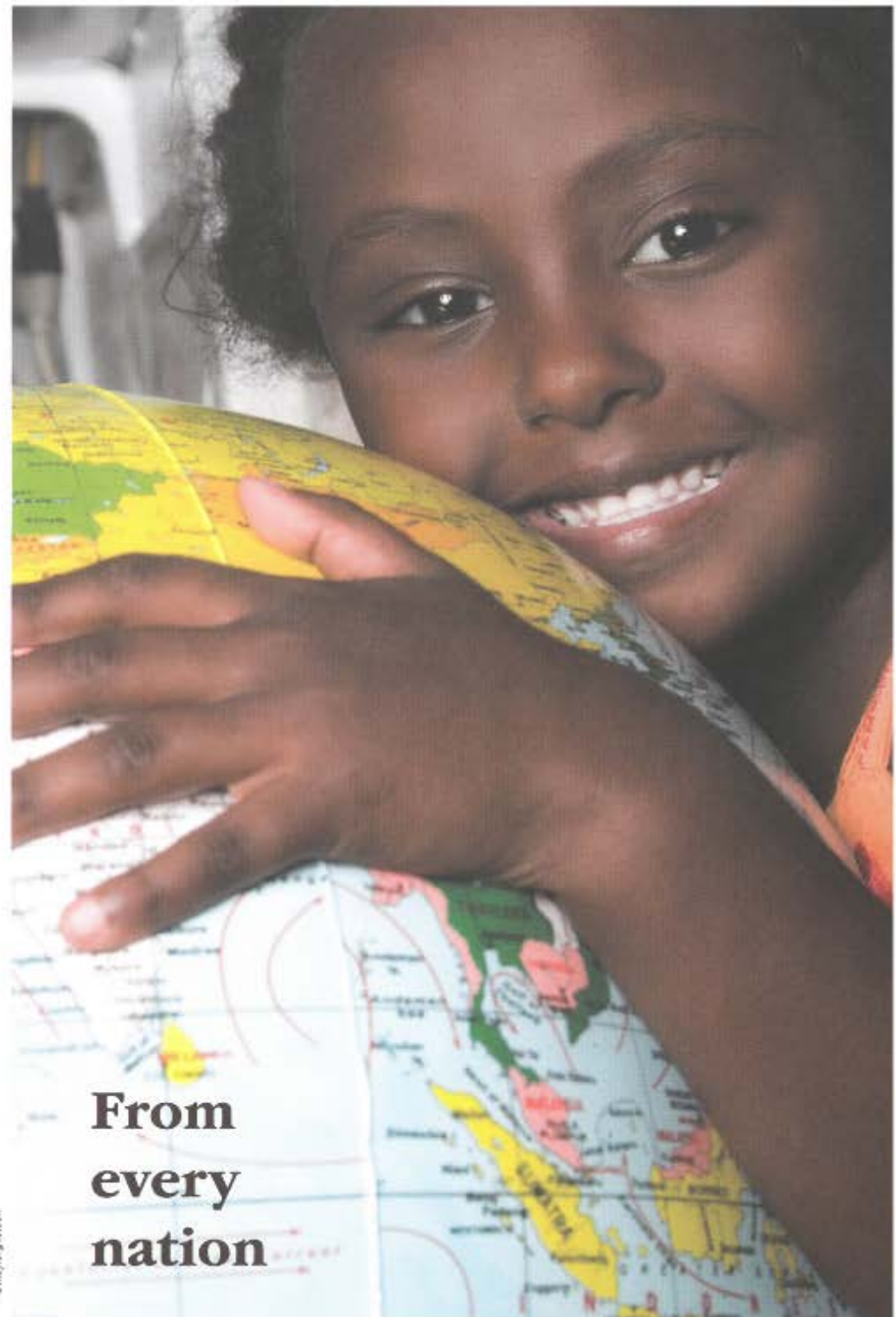
And across the crowd, may I return to you
compassion and delight and gratitude—
with my eyes
and with my words and actions, as well.

Because you, O God, have given us many gifts—
profound and precious gifts from every nation.

—Melissa Bennett
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Text for today: "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, *from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages*, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.'" (Rev. 7:9-12, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Revelation 7:9-17 (9); Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship July 15, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

RESPONDING

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00)

Rondo from Trio for Three Flutes *Gaspard Kummer, Op. 24*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Jeff Carr

Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

THE WESTMINSTER CHIME (11:00)

CHILD & FAMILY DEDICATION

Alysse & Malachi Houff & Family

***Unison Congregational Response**

As an inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus and live the love of God, we make this pledge to you all: to support you in times of ease and difficulty, joy and sorrow, growth and frustration; to embrace each of you as beloved members of our family of faith; and to be faithful witnesses for Christ in upholding and supporting your family and your children as we grow together in God's love.

***HYMN INSERT**

Nothing is lost on the breath of God GREEN LANE

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

Dianne Murray

Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 *NRSV*

FLUTE TRIO (11:00)

Morning Has Broken *arr. Rick Amest*
Mary Kay Adams, Pam Mason, Andrea Nolley, *flutes*

SERMON

"Blessings" Jeff Carr

***HYMN INSERT**

I will change your name

REFLECTIONS (8:30)

...a time for conversation.

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Hymn Improvisation on *arr. Frederick Swann*
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chris Zepp

***HYMN # 322**

For we are strangers no more STRANGERS NO MORE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00)

Gaspard Kummer, Op. 24
Allegro Moderato from Trio for Three Flutes

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

I will change your name

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Nothing is lost on the breath of God

GREEN LANE

A E F#m A/C#

1 Noth - ing is lost on the breath of God,
 2 Noth - ing is lost to the eyes of God,
 3 Noth - ing is lost to the heart of God,

D Bm/D Esus E

noth - ing is lost for ev - er;
 noth - ing is lost for ev - er.
 noth - ing is lost for ev - er;

A E F#m A/C#

God's breath is love, and that love will re - main,
 God sees with love, and that love will re - main,
 God's heart is love, and that love will re - main,

D Bm/D Esus E

hold - ing the world for ev - er. No
 hold - ing the world for ev - er. No
 hold - ing the world for ev - er. No

A E/G# D/F# A/E

feath - er too light, no hair too fine, no
 jour - ney too far, no dis - tance too great, no
 im - pulse of love, no of - fice of care, no

B7/D# B7 A/E E

flow - er too brief in its glo - ry, no
 val - ley of dark - ness too blind - ing; no
 mo - ment of life in its full - ness; no be -

A E/G# D/F# A/E

drop in the o - cean, no dust in the air, but is
 crea - ture too hum - ble, no child too small for
 gin - ning too late, no end - ing too soon, but is

B7/D# B7 E A

count - ed and told in God's sto - ry.
 God to be seek - ing and find - ing.
 gath - ered and known in its good - ness.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

July 15-21, 2018 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic Office Reception
7:00 Worship in the Woods CrossRoads
Daniel House with Suitcase Organ Hymns

Mon. 7:00 B.C. Alumni Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Tues. 7:00 Food Pantry Social Hall

Wed. 7:00 Board of Administration Seekers Room

Sat.-Thurs. National Youth Conference at Colorado State University

NEXT SUNDAY– July 22, 2018 – *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “Flash Mobs”

Scripture: Mark 6:30-56

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

Worship in the Woods – 7 p.m. – VBMHC Amphitheater

PASTOR CHRIS will be away July 17-29 traveling by bus and accompanying our youth to National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, CO. He will then be taking vacation time through August 3 and will return to work on Sunday, August 5.

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Decorators – Lucretia Lane & Dwynn Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Erin Dalrymple

Van Driver – Rick Wampler

ATTENDING BRETHERN WOODS

July 15-20

Grady Bair

Evan Kiracofe

Shaley Propst

Hunter Varner

Robert Varner

ATTENDING NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Colorado State University, July 21-26

Traveling via District Bus July 17-29

Jasmine Reitze

Lisa Reitze

Chris Zepp (advisor)

Traveling via air

Gena Day-Miller

Madison Evick

Adeline Hipps

Ezra Kasten

Andrew Kreps

Libby Kreps

Ben Neher

Lauren Flora (Youth Worker, advisor)

Clarke & Hope Staton (advisors)

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 7/8/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 15 11:00 – 195 Sunday School: 89

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$15,070.87
Loose Offering	839.00
Food Pantry	253.00
Bob McFadden Memorial Fund	500.00
Ezra Kasten Eagle Project	37.50

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ^[a] before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,^[b] having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this^[c] is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.