

Look to the Lord

Why do we feel distracted? Why do we have lack of clarity?

Our lives can be filled with appointments, commitments, cell phones, social engagements, and other attempts to grab our attention. We are bombarded daily, constantly.

Why am I distracted? When did I forget to follow the road less traveled? When did my life begin to look like the plate spinner at the circus? Who is my Master?

One of the remedies to reduce the effects of distraction comes from Psalm 123: "To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!"

Call to Worship

One: Which way do I look? Which way do I turn?

People: Look up. Lift up your eyes!

One: Why should I look up? I must focus ahead.
There are so many things demanding my time.

People: Our eyes look to the Lord our God.

One: My eyes will scan the heavens, until God has mercy upon me.

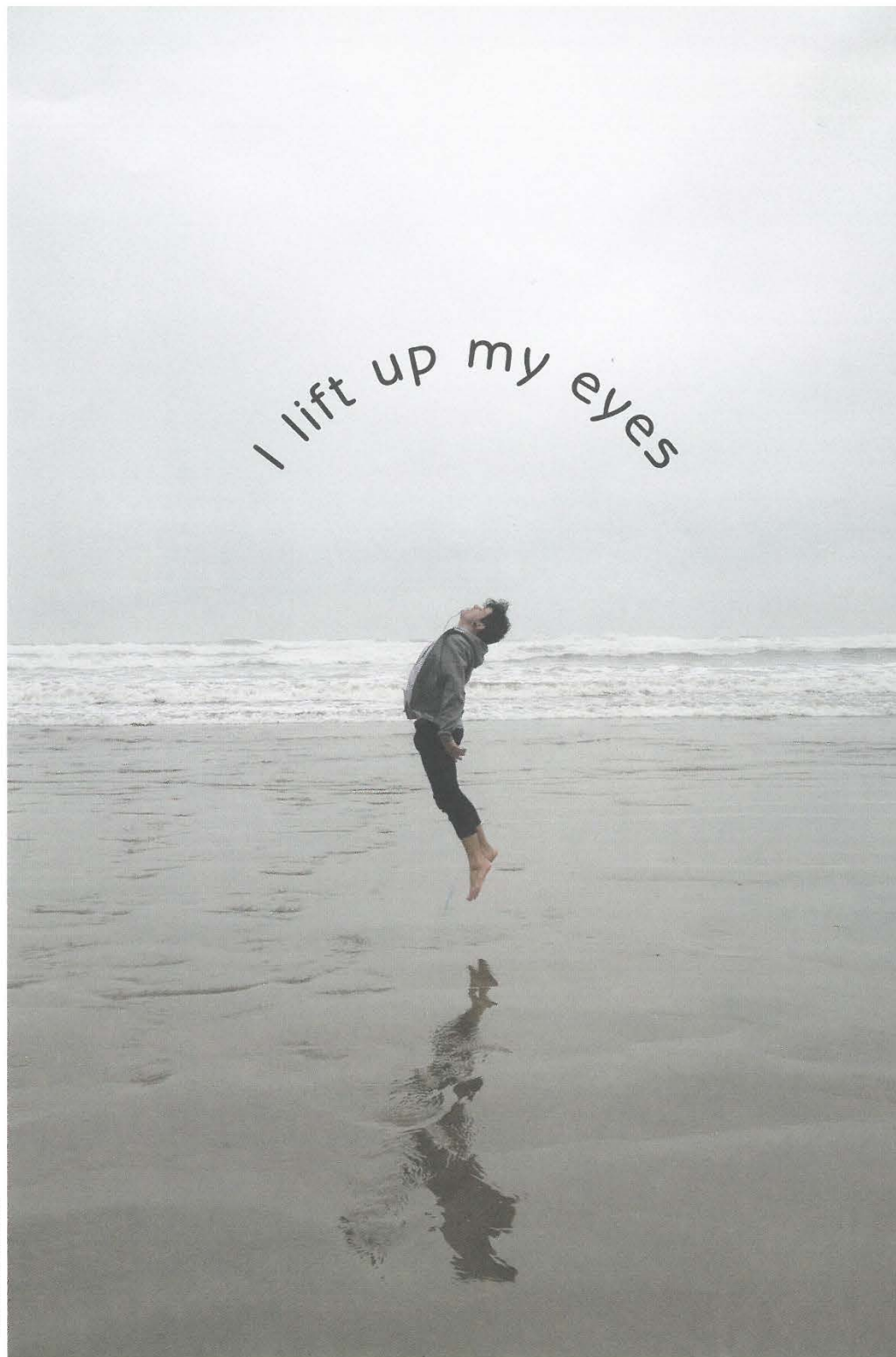
People: Our eyes will scan the heavens, until God has mercy upon us.

All: We will lift up our eyes and never lose hope.

—Gail Erisman Valeta, pastor
Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren
Littleton, Colorado

Text for today: "To you *I lift up my eyes*, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud" (Psalm 123, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123 (1); 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Cantilena *Josef Rheinberger*
(from Sonata Op. 148 No. 11)

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

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 TRINITY CHIME (1910) (11:00) *Charles A. Jacques*

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***HYMN # 151** *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord* MARVELOUS GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 123 *THE MESSAGE*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Clarke Staton

SOLO (11:00) In Christ Alone *arr. Lloyd Larson*
Jeanne Neff, *soloist*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-30 *NRSV*

SERMON "Gifts of Imperfection" Hope Staton

RESPONDING

***HYMN # 394** *How buoyant and bold the stride* LIBERATION

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.

Ave Maria *Gabriel Fauré*
(Hail Mary, full of grace) (arr. *David Lasky*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN # 145** *There's a wideness in God's mercy* WELLESLEY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Recessional on MATERNA *Douglas E. Wagner*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

SANCTUS CHOIR NEWS

The Sanctus Choir will be on recess through the month of July. During this time, music will be presented by a variety of individuals. The Sanctus choir will resume regular rehearsals on Thursday, August 9. Anyone is invited to be a part of this wonderful community of singers. Please consider joining us in the new choir year. We can provide child care for any member who may need it during Thursday evening rehearsals. Please contact Curtis Nolley or any choir member if you have questions regarding the Sanctus Choir. We hope to see you in the choir room on August 9!

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

June 8-14, 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	Annual Conference Ends in Cincinnati, OH	
7:00	Worship in the Woods	VBMHC
	Daniel House with Suitcase Organ Hymns	
Mon.	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
7:00	B.C. Alumni Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues.	Finance Commission	Lounge
Wed.	8 a.m. Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
11-1	BRC Auxiliary Luncheon	Social Hall

NEXT SUNDAY– July 15, 2018 – *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “Blessings”

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Office Reception Area

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

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

PASTORS CONFERENCE AND VACATION SCHEDULES

Pastor Jeff will be away during part of July

July 8 he will be returning from Annual Conference

July 9-14 he will be taking some vacation time

Pastor Chris will be away a lot during the month of July!

July 8 he will be returning from Annual Conference

July 17-29 he will be traveling by bus and accompanying our youth traveling to National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, CO

July 29-Aug 3 he will be on vacation

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

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Jeanie Eye – Christian Education Director

Mary Beth Flory – Pianist

Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

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Curtis Nolley – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

Clarke & Hope Staton – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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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.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

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) – Kathy Shrader

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Decorators – Lucretia Lane & Dwynn Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Erin Dalrymple

Van Driver – Rick Wampler

Worship Leader – Clarke Staton

Hymn Leader (11:00) – Jon Wilson

ATTENDING BRETHREN WOODS

July 8-13: Carly May

ATTENDING JUNIOR HIGH WORKCAMP

Cincinnati, OH, July 9-13

Lilly Day-Miller, Andrew Johnson, Andie Neher, Shylah Zepp

Lauren Flora (advisor)

TODAY'S SOLO TEXT: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled,
When strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand. 'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand!

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ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 7/1/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 14 11:00 – 193 Sunday School: 100

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$14,710.00
Loose Offering	406.06
Church User Fees	2,340.00
Food Pantry	25.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscription	14.50
Rent – Refugee House	650.00
Women's Fellowship	150.00
Backpack Program	700.00
EYN Compassion Fund	100.00
Ezra Kasten Eagle Project	37.50