

## Focused and Faithful

As the church celebrates World Communion Sunday, we remember that Jesus is Lord over all, and through his life, death, and resurrection we are able to commune in the newness of life with him and God's people. As Hebrews 1:3 says, "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word."

Our world is going through rapid technological and systemic change, and culturally we are experiencing transition from a modern to a postmodern era, from a Christian to a post-Christian society. With these changes come anxiety and uncertainty about the future, but it is good to remember that Jesus is the "exact imprint" of the Father. Like a runner focused on the next leg of a race, we ought to look "to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). Having our eyes set on Jesus and his word in our hearts will keep us true to our identity in Christ. As Jeremiah says, "Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart" (15:16).

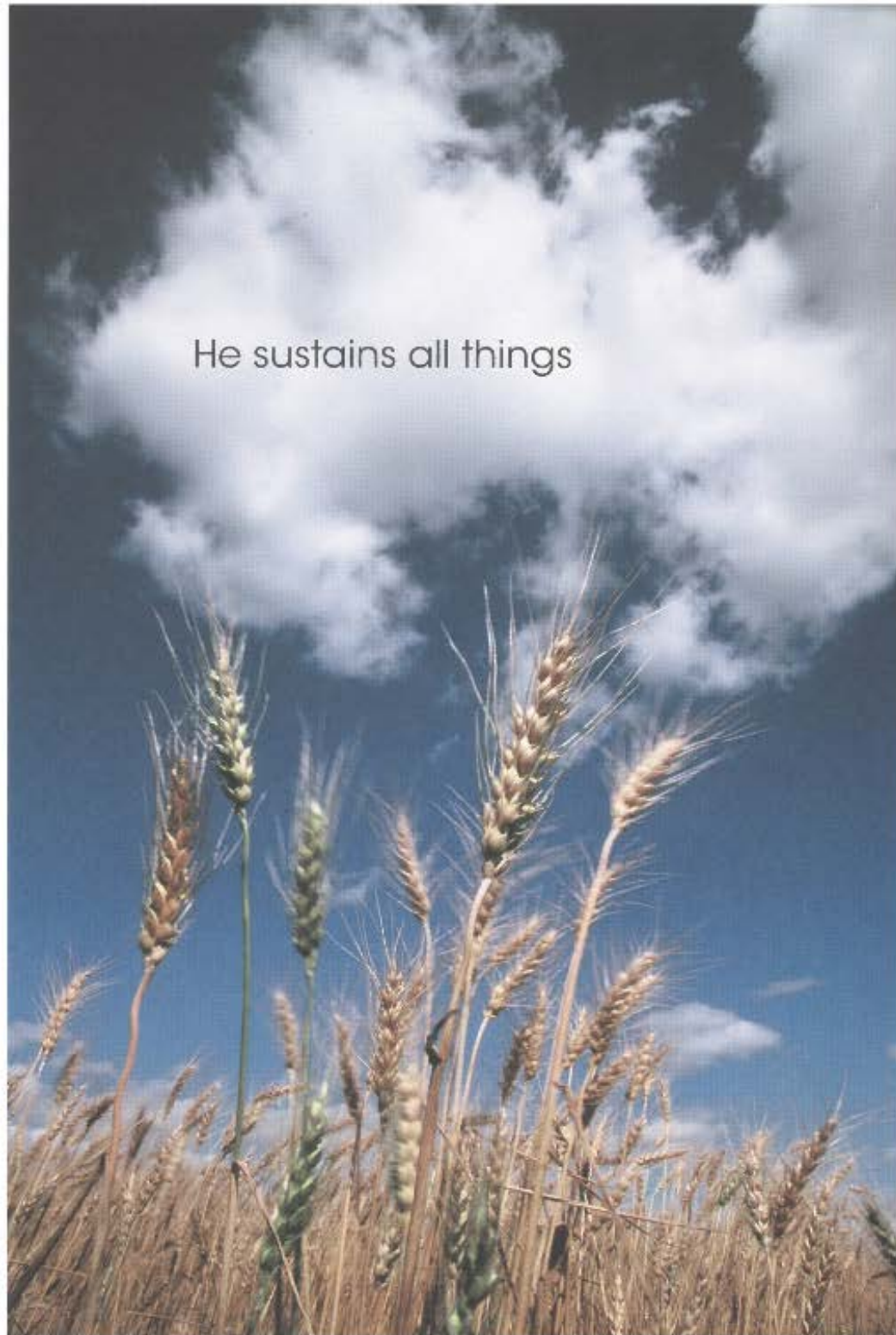
When faced with anxiety about societal change, may we become the kind of people who remembers Jesus is Lord and that his word shines a light on our path to guide us (Psalm 119:105).

*Gracious God, we offer you thanks for sustaining us through the valleys, plateaus, and mountaintop experiences of life. Forgive us for those times, when like Peter, we take our eyes off you and are more concerned about not drowning than trusting you. Help us to stay focused on you and faithful to your word. Amen.*

—Jerry Bertelson, pastor  
First Baptist Church/Church of the Brethren  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Text for today:** "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs" (Heb. 1:1-4, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:3-12 (3); Mark 10:2-16.

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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship October 7, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** (11:00) Songs of Salvation # 459-471  
from *The Brethren Hymnal*, 1951 (red)

**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.

## PROCLAIMING

**CHERUB & CAROL CHOIR ANTHEMS** (11:00)  
**Cherub Choir** It's Good to Give Thanks arr. *Lyndell Leatherman*  
**Carol Choir** Great Day arr. *Jean Anne Shafferman*

**CHILDREN'S TIME** (11:00) Mike Fike  
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. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

**\*HYMN # 454** *Seed, scattered and sown* EKKLESIA

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 2:18-24 *NRSV*

**ANTHEM** (11:00) Oh, How Good It Is arr. *Joey Hoelscher*

**SERMON** "A Fish in the Bowl" Jeff Carr

## RESPONDING

**\*HYMN # 306** *In Christ there is no East or West* ST. PETER

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

## OFFERING

**Invitation** ~Feasting on the Word, *Worship Companion*, adapted

### Offertory

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

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

Largo e spiccato *Vivaldi-Bach*  
from *Concerto in D minor*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ~Feasting on the Word, *Worship Companion*, adapted

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### Invitation

### Communion of the Bread & Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in 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.*

**\*HYMN # 459** *I come with joy to meet my Lord* DOVE OF PEACE  
(vv. 1-3, 5)

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) Scherzo on DOVE OF PEACE *John Barr*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**October 7-13, 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.

<b>Today</b>	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
		Children's Worship during Worship at 11	– Agape Room
	Noon	Youth Fundraiser Lunch	Social Hall
		and Summer Faith Formation Experiences Report	
		<i>Menu: Taco Salad Bar</i>	
	5:00	Sr. Hi. Movie & Discussion – Home of the Zepp's	
	7:00	Acapella Benefit Concert for VBMHC	Sanctuary
<b>Mon.</b>	5:00	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00	Finance Commission	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	2:00	Jubilee Circle	Maple Terrace
	2:00	Packing Back Pack Bags	Social Hall
		<i>Volunteers welcome to help. ☺</i>	
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Menu: BFS Fried Chicken, Mac &amp; Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Sat.</b>	2:00	Memorial Get-Together for Glendon Shank	– Social Hall

### NEXT SUNDAY– October 14, 2018 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

Preaching: Pastor Chris Zepp

Sermon: "Keep it 100"

Scriptures: Mark 10:17-31 & Hebrews 4:12-16

**Bell Choir Rehearsal** – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

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

**BSM Leadership Team** – 8:30 p.m. – Lounge

## 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

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Karissa Hunt** – Interim Financial Secretary

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

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**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Jeanie Eye** – Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

**Marianne Houff** – Children's Choir Director

**Ellsworth Neff** – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

**Curtis Nolley** – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

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## 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.

**Decorators** – Mary Ann Angleberger & Anita Beckman

**Deacon Caregiver** – Sally Jane Conner

**Fellowship Host** – Beth Day-Miller

**Head Usher** – Devin Bowman

**Pianist** (8:30) – Kathy Shrader

**Van Driver** – Rod Miller

**Worship Leader** (11:00) – Jeanne Neff

### **TODAY'S CAROL CHOIR ANTHEM TEXT:**

*adapted from Scripture*

It's good to give thanks to the Lord. It's good to give thanks.

It's good to give thanks for our food. It's good to give thanks.

God cares about you every day. God cares about you.

The Lord is my Helper each day. The Lord is my Helper.

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### **TODAY'S CHERUB CHOIR ANTHEM TEXT:**

*Traditional Spiritual*

In that great, getting' up mornin', fare you well. Fare you well!

Great day, the righteous marchin'. Great day's a comin', fare you well.

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### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: arr. Joey Hoelscher**

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity; where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love, are the fruits of His presence here among us. So with one voice, we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart, We'll live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come; for He dwells in the presence of His people. Oh, how good it is on this journey we share, to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn; for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, when we offer the blessing of belonging. So with one voice, we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart, we'll live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come; for He dwells in the presence of His people. Oh, how good it is to embrace His command, to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son, with the Father and the Spirit. So with one voice, we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart, we'll live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come; for He dwells in the presence of His people.

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**JUBILEE CIRCLE** will meet on October 10th in Alexander Mack A Room, Maple Terrace at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jamie Frueh on the topic of Peacemaking. Come and bring your spouse or a friend!

### **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 9/30/18**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 20 11:00 – 193 Sunday School: 114**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$7,150.00
Loose Offering	400.46
Rent – Refugee House	650.00
Disaster Relief	200.00
Wednesday Night Meals	210.00
Brethren Student Movement	261.00
Nigeria EYN	900.00
Backpack Program	650.00
Will Family Memorial Fund	200.00