

## Reconciled to God

*"The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the one who is first over all creation."*

—Colossians 1:15 (CEB)

The word "image" in this verse is the Greek word *eikon*. It is the same word found in the Greek translation of Genesis 1:26-27, referring to humans created in God's image. In Genesis 3, we read how the images of God became cracked. Sin entered and affected their relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

You and I are made in the image of God, but we are cracked. It took Jesus—the true *eikon* of God—to get us out of the mess of sin and death we are in. When you think of God, Jesus should be the image that comes to mind. Paul puts it this way: "Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him" (v. 19, CEB).

So, what did the true *eikon* of God do? In verse 20, we read: "He reconciled all things to himself through him—whether things on earth or in the heavens." The breach between God and humankind has been repaired. We have been reconciled to God. The chasms that run between us as human beings have been bridged and repaired. We now can be reconciled with one another. And the cracks that run through all of creation, in Jesus, have been set right. Restoration and redemption can come to God's creation.

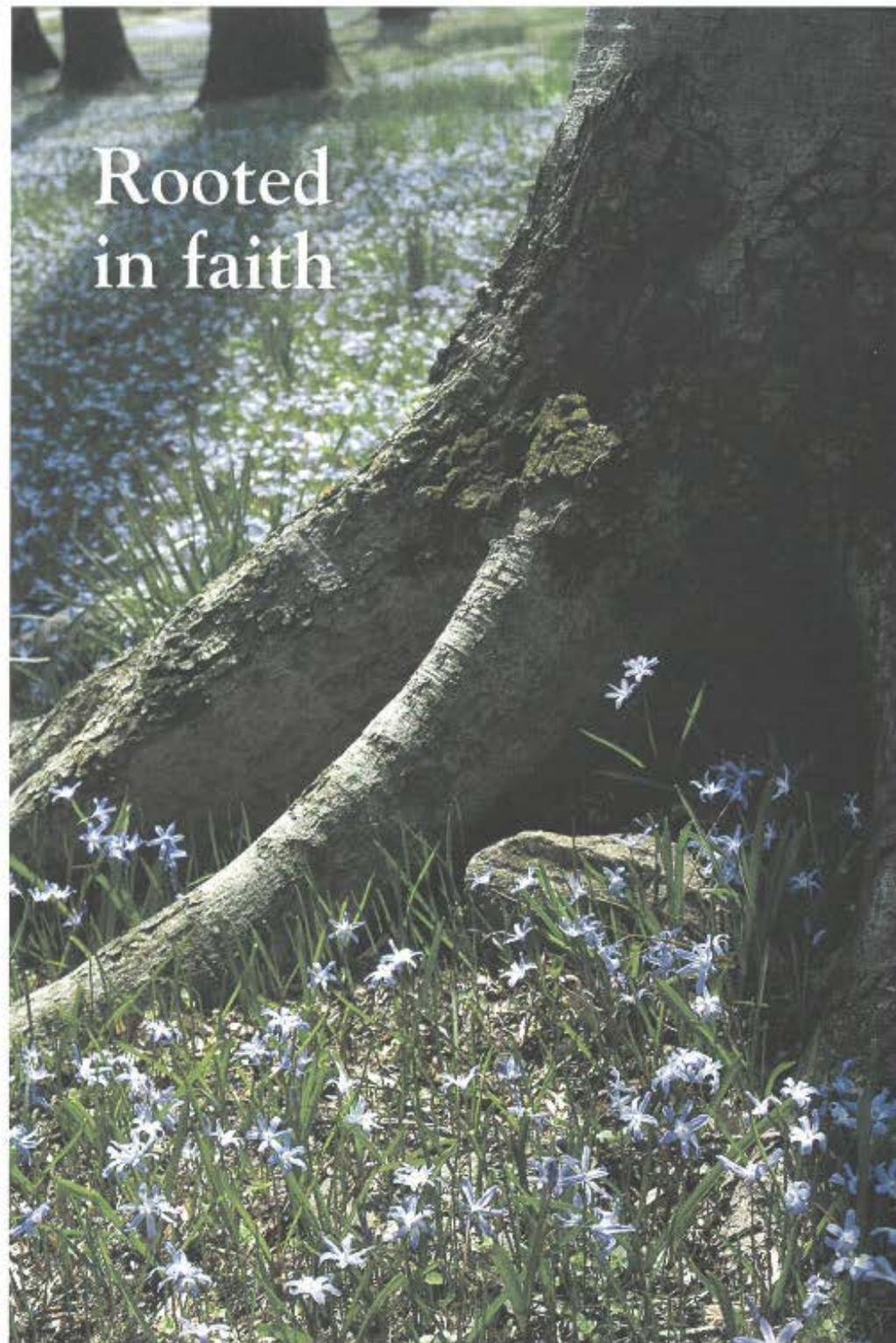
Jesus, the true image of God, calls us to be about this mission—the work of reconciliation—in all of these areas (see 2 Cor. 5:18). Will you share the good news that a right relationship with God can be found? Will you reach out and encourage sisters and brothers to be reconciled, to live in peace with one another? Will you work for wholeness within all of God's creation? With God's help, may it be so.

—Ryan Braught, pastor  
Veritas Community  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Text for today:** "Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. But you need to remain well established and *rooted in faith* and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard" (Col. 1:21-23a, CEB). **Bible readings for today:** Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28 (23); Luke 10:38-42.

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**BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
at Worship August 11, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

***GATHERING***

**PRELUDE** (11:00) When In Our Music God Is Glorified arr. *Karrin Ford*

**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***

**CHILD & FAMILY DEDICATION** (11:00)

Alexandra Isabella Coronado & Family  
Brayden Lee Kiracofe & 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 # 622** *Wonder of wonders* LOVELLE

**CHILDREN'S TIME** (11:00) Josh Eye

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** Matthew 6:22-34 *NRSV*

**OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

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

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

In This Very Room arr. *Phillip Keveren*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**ANTHEM** (11:00) Fill This House with Grace *Joseph M. Martin*

**SERMON** "The One about Windows" Jeff Carr

***RESPONDING***

**\*HYMN # 594** *Lord, you sometimes speak* CLEVELAND

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Hymnal #730

**\*HYMN # 1** *What is this place* KOMT NU MET ZANG

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) *Allegro Energico* arr. *Mark L. Williams*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**August 11-17, 2019** (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>Sun.</b>	12:30-4:30	Red Cross Blood Drive	Social Hall
	7:00	Worship in the Woods – Weavers Mennonite Church Special Guests: Mount Pleasant Mennonite Youth Choir	
<b>Mon.</b>	Noon	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
	7:00	Finance Commission	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	6:30	Properties Commission	Open Door Room
	6:30	Witness & Nurture Commission	Lounge
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### NEXT SUNDAY– August 18, 2019 – *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “The One about Justice”

Scripture: John 21:15-19

**Blood Pressure Clinic** – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Lounge

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

### SAVE THE DATES

**August 25 – Sunday afternoon concert, 3 pm**

Mike Stern with Louise Brodie  
(Freewill offering)

**September 8 – All Church Picnic**

Following worship at 11.

## 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** – Financial Secretary

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

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**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

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**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Josh Eye** – Interim 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

**Clarke & Hope Staton** – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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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.

**Decorator** – Missy Hipps

**Deacon Caregiver** – Erin Dalrymple

**Head Usher** – Don Remnant

**Pianist** (8:30) – Ann Daggett

**Van Driver** – David Lineweaver

**Worship Leaders** – (8:30) Bill Faw

(11:00) Julia Stutzman Coronado

### **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 8/4/19**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 23 11:00 – 190 Sunday School: 78**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$16,778.00
Loose Offering	756.43
Church Garden	100.00
Rent – Refugee House	800.00
Disaster Relief	250.00
Nigeria EYN	250.00
Youth Programs	1,032.64
Backpack Program	100.00
Scouts Play It Forward	565.00
Marietta Jordan Memorial Fund	25.00

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: *Joseph M. Martin***

Lifted up from firm foundations, living stones reach out in faith.  
Rising high to touch the heavens with the sacrifice of praise.  
On God's Cornerstone eternal we have built this sacred place.  
Now we gather in your presence, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Come fill this house with grace. Lord, fill this house with grace.  
Lord we empty now our temples leaving hate and fear outside.  
Purging all the sin and sadness, all our selfishness and pride.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit, come inhabit ev'ry space.  
Till our hearts are overflowing, Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Come fill this house with grace. Lord, fill this house with grace.  
Let the music of our worship resonate throughout these halls.  
Let it consecrate our purpose to proclaim the Lord of all.  
Let our hearts be your cathedral; make our lives a gift of praise.  
Fill our temples with your spirit; set our altars all ablaze.  
Let your church rise up together, one in Jesus' strong embrace.  
For the church will stand forever. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Come fill this house with grace. Lord, fill this house with grace.

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### **POOL PARTY**

The Fellowship & Recreation Commission invites you to join your church friends for a pool party on Saturday, August 24, from 6-9 p.m., at Ashby Recreation Association Pool. Feel free to bring snacks and games to share. The Commission will supply drinks and paper products. It's a good time to say goodbye to summer with a pool party. Hope to see everyone there!

### **ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY**

The current Messenger celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heifer International and so does the library display. You will find seven picture books to share with youngsters of all ages. There are also three DVDs, including the documentary, A Tribute to the Seagoing Cowboys, by Peggy Reiff Miller. If you haven't yet seen this, please take time to do so. You might see some faces you recognize!

**Matthew 6:22-34 (NRSV)**

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, <sup>[b]</sup> or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God <sup>[d]</sup> and his <sup>[e]</sup> righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.