

Our Deepest Knowing

Offering Meditation

What do you know?
What do you know deep down?
What do you know by heart?
What do you know in your bones?

There is a knowing that surpasses all knowledge—
more precious than gold,
finer than the finest clothes:

God is.
God is life.
God is love.

And our reply that rises to meet such knowing is equally
precious and uniquely transforming:

We are God's.
We live in God.
We love God.
We long to love as God.

Prayer of Offering *(unison)*

Gracious God, all our knowing has led us here.
We see by your light. We stand in your mercy.
We live in your life. We love in your love.
O Lord, we are afloat in gratitude.
And with gratefulness, we offer these gifts.
Receive our knowing and our giving, and make us an
offering to the world you love. *Amen.*

—Glenn Mitchell
Spring Mills, Pennsylvania

Text for today: "So [Naaman] went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of [Elisha]; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'" (2 Kings 5:14-15c, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (15); Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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Now I know

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship October 13, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Chorale Preludes: *J. S. Bach*
These Are the Holy Ten Commandments
Our Father in the Kingdom of Heaven
Alone to God on High be Glory (HWB 122)

WELCOME AND SHARING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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.

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 111

One: Come, and praise God!

**All: I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with God's gathered community.**

One: In the company of God's people,
let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: Great are the works of God,
full of glory and majesty.**

One: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

All: Our God is merciful and forgiving.

One: Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

All: Our God is just and good.

One: So come and worship, all you who revere the Lord,
for reverence and awe is the foundation of true wisdom.

All: God's praise will last forever!

***HYMN # 63** *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven* (vs 1-3) LAUDA ANIMA

***PRAYER**

PROCLAIMING

CHERUB & CAROL CHOIR ANTHEMS (11:00)

Cherub Choir

I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me *arr. Nichols*
God Wants Us to Obey *McMahan-Wilson & McBride*

Carol Choir

Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) *Hi Neighbor!*

Christy and Mark Dowdy & the Puppets
Brycen Propst and Sofia Teshome, Puppeteers

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 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

ANTHEM (11:00) Jubilate Deo Peter Anglea

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19 *NRSV*

SERMON "Is your heart broken?" Christy Dowdy

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND JOYS

***HYMN # 349** *Spirit of the living God*
(sing 2 times ... 2nd time insert 'us'; "... fall afresh on 'us'")

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

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

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

Prelude on SONG 13 *Healey Willan*

("Open are the Gifts of God") HWB 255

Unison Prayer of Offering Back of Bulletin

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

***HYMN # 420** *Heart with loving heart united* O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) Festival Postlude *Domenico Zipoli*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

October 13-19, 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.

Sun.	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal Children's Worship during Worship at 11 –	Choir Room Agape Room
Mon.	Noon 7:00	Retired Ministers & Spouses Finance Commission	Maple Terrace Lounge
Tues.	9 a.m. 7:00 7:00	A Matter of Balance Food Pantry Foundation Board	Agape Room Social Hall Lounge
Wed.	2:00 5:30	Pastor's Book Study Wednesday Night Meal <i>Catered by: Bridgewater Foods Supermarket</i> <i>Menu: Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Vegetables, Rolls</i> <i>Suggested Donation: \$10 adults / \$5 kids</i>	Lounge Social Hall
	5:30 6:00 6:45 7:00	Cherub Choir Rehearsal Carol Choir Rehearsal Yorff Choir Rehearsal Board of Administration	Agape Room Agape Room Room # 35 Seekers Room
Thurs.	6:00 7:00 7:30	Brethren Student Movement Puppets Rehearsal Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Carter Center Agape Room Choir Room
Sat.	7:30 a.m.	Youth to Parade of Champions	

NEXT SUNDAY– October 20, 2019

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

Preaching: Chris Zepp

Sermon: "Throwing Down"

Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31 & Luke 18:1-8

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

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

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

Jr. High Lunch & Games – Noon – Youth Room & Social Hall

Concert for Alzheimer's Awareness – 3 p.m. – Sanctuary

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

Christy Dowdy – Interim Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

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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.

Decorators – Mary Ann Angleberger, Anita Beckman
Linda Dean, Bea Miller

Deacon Caregivers – Kathy & Tim Shrader

Fellowship Hosts – Teshome & Sofia Molalenge

Pianist (8:30) – Ann Daggett

Head Usher – Don Remnant

Van Drivers – Melvin Wampler & Palmer Lee Berry

Worship Leader – Kasey Carns

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 10/6/19

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 20 11:00 – 214 Sunday School: 124

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$19,326.00
Loose Offering	458.01
Scouts	650.00
Rent – Refugee House	800.00
Wednesday Night Meals	148.00
Youth Programs	553.00
Decorating Committee	200.00
Altruistic Sunday School Class	50.00

ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY

Books on the library display table are about simple living. Check out one of our newer books, Grateful by Diana Butler Bass, on the power of gratitude.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Psalm 100: 1, 2, 5

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

And his truth endureth to all generations.

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“CARING AND SHARING,” a concert to benefit Walk to End Alzheimer’s for the American Alzheimer’s Association, will be presented in our sanctuary next Sunday, October 20, at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Participating members of our congregation are John Barr, Kathy Guisewite, Kyle Remnant, and Curtis Nolley. Donations for the Alzheimer’s Association Walk Team *Hope for a Cure* are appreciated at the concert or online at <http://act.alz.org/goto/mkadams>.

OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR CHRISTY

Pastor Christy’s office hours will be Tuesday through Thursday in her church office and Friday will be spent at her home office. Her Sabbath day (day off) will be Monday. Pastor Chris will respond to pastoral care emergencies on Mondays. Please know the schedule will be adapted as needed for needs of the congregation and emergencies.

PASTOR’S BOOK STUDIES

Today is the last day to order a book through the office for the November book study (Nov. 6 & 20), focusing on *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor (2019). Estimated cost is \$22. And there is still one more meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 16, wrapping up our discussion of John Pavlovitz’s *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* (2017). All are welcome to attend!

THEATER OPPORTUNITY

The musical, “Annie,” opens this Thursday, October 17 at the Valley Playhouse, Court Square Theater, Harrisonburg, at 7:30 pm. (Oct. 17-20 and Oct. 24-27, with Sunday matinees at 3 pm). Our own Claire Wayman is co-director and choreographer and Mark Dowdy plays the role of Rooster. Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$15 seniors/students, and \$20 at the door.