

## Turn and Come Home

### Dialogue between God and God's People

One: My people, I have loved you.

*All: How have you loved us?*

One: I chose to make my covenant with you. Though you despise my name, I will never forsake you.

*All: How have we despised your name?*

One: You worship idols instead of the living God. You have defiled me

*All: How have we defiled you?*

One: You keep the best for yourselves and offer me the leftovers. You weary me with your words.

*All: How have we wearied you?*

One: You deceive yourselves by saying evil is good, injustice is just. You speak harsh words.

*All: How have we spoken against you?*

One: You complain that serving God does not bring instant reward. You break your sacred vows. Return to me, and I will return to you.

*All: How then shall we return?*

One: I will send my messenger to prepare the way. Behold, the sun of righteousness will rise—a refining fire to purify my chosen ones.

*All: We are your chosen ones. We turn from evil and return to you.*

One: Welcome home! Come and feast on abundant grace. Then you shall go out leaping, just like healthy, young livestock.

*All: The Lord is faithful. We praise your great name!*

—Patricia Kapusta  
Knoxville, Tennessee

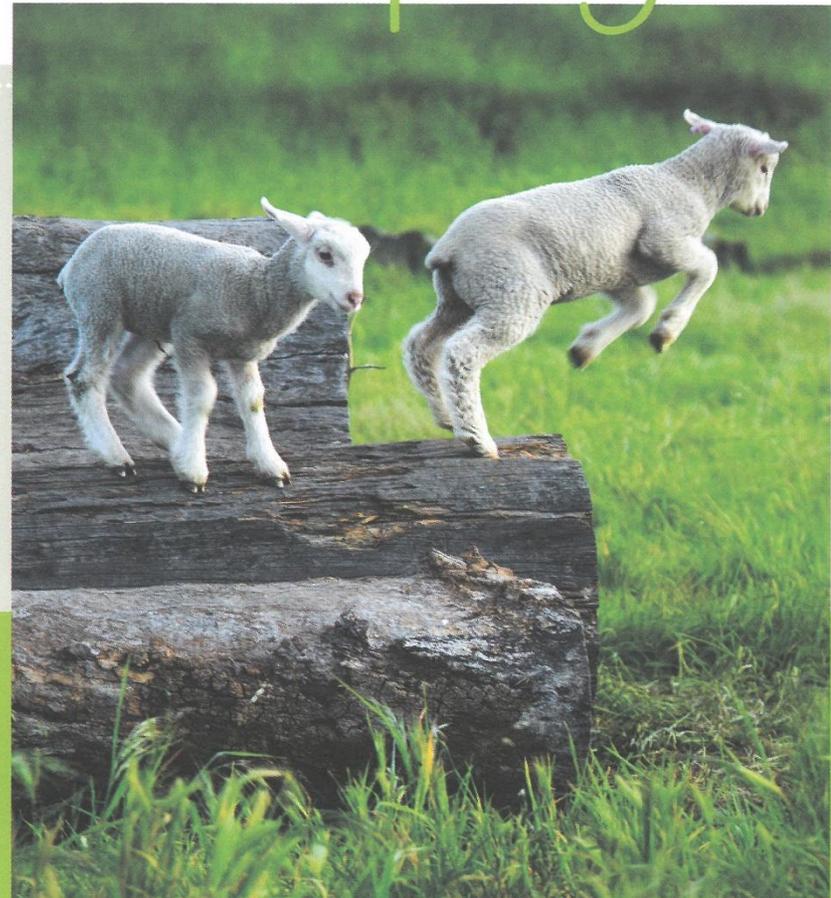
**Text for today:** “But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. *You shall go out leaping* like calves from the stall” (Mal. 4:2, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Malachi 4:1-2a (2); Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

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You shall go out  
leaping



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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship July 18, 2021

Live and Streaming on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

*Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while...*

~ Mark 6:31

**PRELUDE** Hymns for Hymnal Church of the Brethren 1925  
# 5, 10, 15, 16, 183, 184, 334, 351, 289

**WELCOME & SHARING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH** Christy Dowdy

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 23, adapted*

One: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

**All: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters,  
which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

One: God guides us along paths of righteousness

**All: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not  
afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

One: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.  
There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**All: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we  
dwell in the house of God.**

**\*HYMN** *Come and find the quiet center* BEACH SPRING

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**DEDICATION OF LEVI BENNETT MICHAEL**, son of Beth & David Michael,  
and brother of Ellie & Lincoln

**HYMN # 620** *Child of blessing, child of promise* STUTTGART

**CHILDREN'S STORY** Janean Fawley

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Jeanne Neff & Judy Henneberger  
"There's a New Song in my Heart" *words & music by John W. Peterson*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

**MESSAGE** "Reflective Rest" Christy Dowdy

**PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN # 355** *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* BRADBURY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Trio on PRECIOUS NAME *John Barr*  
("Take the Name of Jesus with You")

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**July 18-24, 2021** (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>	6:30	Youth Hangout	Youth Room
	7:00	Worship in the Woods – Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center Robert Yutzy, speaker Becky Hunter and Mary Kay Adams, special music	
<b>Tues.</b>	4:00	Vocal Chords	Choir Room
	6:00	Food Pantry – Curbside Pickup	
	6:00	SVCS Board Meeting	Sanctuary
<b>Wed.</b>	7:00	Board of Administration	Seekers Room
<b>Sat.</b>	3:00	Memorial Service for Dale Ulrich	Sanctuary

### **OFFICE SCHEDULE**

Due to the Administrative Assistant being on vacation, the church office will be closed next week, July 19-23. Pastor Christy will be in the office at various times and can be reached at her cell phone, 8114-599-6307.

### **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 7/11/21**

**Worship Attendance: 11:00 – 124**

\$710.97 in online donations

\$709.00	Envelope Offering
\$1.97	Processing Fees

\$8,422.00 in weekly direct deposit

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Offering from Sunday, July 11

\$9,467.19 in check and cash donations; 28 checks totaling \$9,452.19 and cash totaling \$15.00

\$8,052.19	Envelope Offering
\$665.00	Loose Offering
\$700.00	Rent – Refugee House
\$50.00	Love Offering Chris

## 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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF**

**Tony Stovall** – Interim Custodian

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Karissa Hunt** – Financial Secretary

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

### **PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF**

**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

**John Barr** – Organist

**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Josh Eye** – Interim Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

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

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

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Current office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- Noon, and 1-3 p.m.

## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

- We ask you wear your mask during in-person worship to protect all present.
- Your offering can be placed in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
- Following worship, we encourage you to respect social distance as you fellowship and visit together.

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

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

### **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.

**Greeter** – Margaret Horn

**Hospitality Desk** – Bill Faw

**Head Usher** – Palmer Lee Berry

**Worship Leader** – Claire Martindale

**Music Director** – Curtis Nolley

**Decorators** – Bea Miller & Linda Dean

(altar and 2 smaller entry tables)

*The Library Committee selected books on today's worship theme and has displayed them on the table in the entry hall. There are titles for all ages and we encourage you to grab a book or two and take them to the library to check them out. We would love to see our display emptied each week.*

**SEMI-ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS** are available to be picked up this morning. Any that you can deliver to family / neighbors, we kindly ask that you please do.

## **Come and find the quiet center**

*Words by Shirley Erena Murray*

Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

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