

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.*

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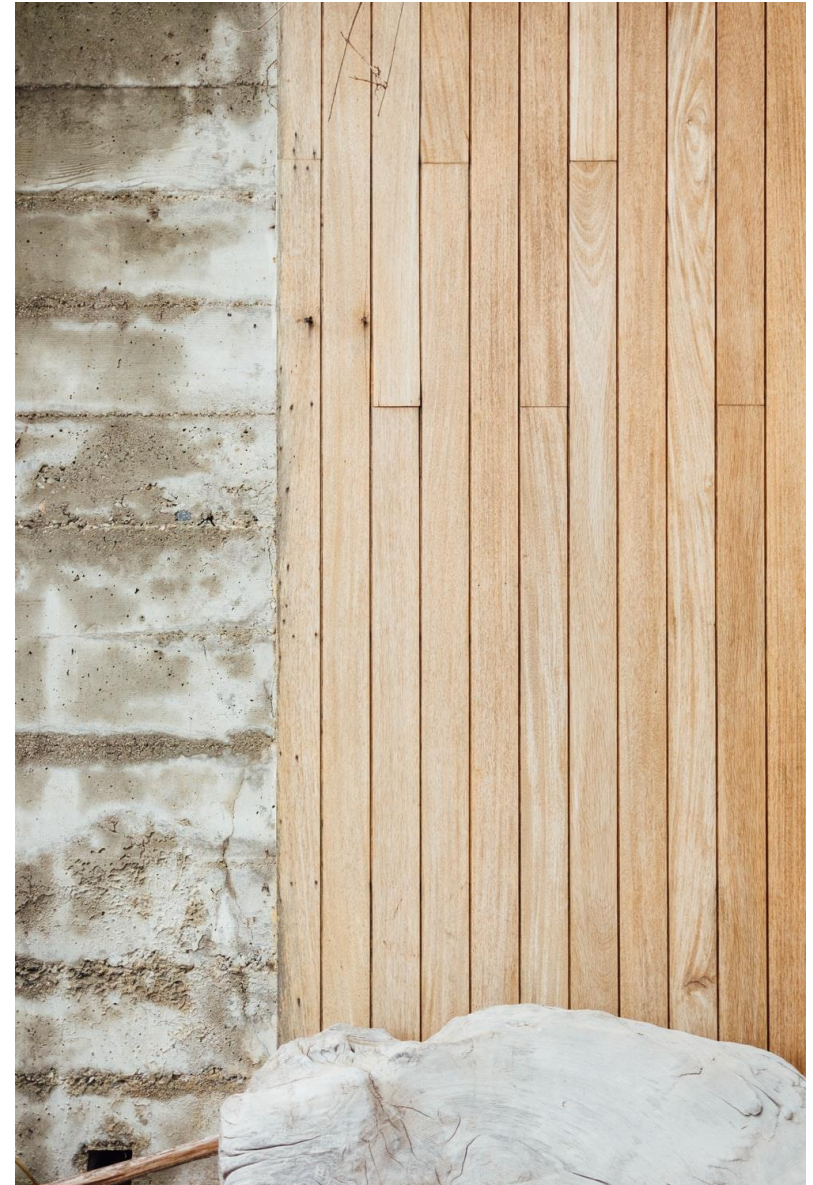
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*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 7, 2022*

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Live at 8:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music (11:00) *How Great Thou Art* arr. Lavawan Riley

Welcome

Prelude (11:00) *In This Very Room* arr. Phillip Keveren

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in the very room.

***Call to Worship** (Congregation reads bold)

Leader: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort,
steady on the rock of our foundation.

People: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

Leader: But Christ calls us to receive a new vision.

People: We are not sure we are ready for that.

Leader: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.

Adapted from a Call to Worship written by Nancy

C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3554/worship-connection-february-27-2022>

***Hymn #8** *Brethren, we have met to worship*

Children's Story (11:00)

Special Music (11:00) *Make Us One* by Sally DeFord

The Vocal Chords

Matthew 5:1-10, 13-16

Responsive Affirmation of Faith (#716)

Leader: No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid,
which is Jesus Christ.

People: In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Christ we too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by the Spirit.

Leader: As we come to Christ, the living Stone - rejected by builders but chosen by God - we also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

People: So then we are no longer foreigners and aliens, but citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

***Hymn #444** *Lord, I want to be a Christian*

Prayers

Prayers of the People

Song - #352 *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Morning Prayers

Matthew 5:38-48

Testimony *How firm is our foundation?* Erin Dalrymple

Reflections (8:30)

Music for contemplation, followed by conversation

***Hymn #343 vv. 1-4** *My hope is built on nothing less*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** (11:00) *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

arr. Marilyn Ham

*Rise as able in body and spirit

In Ministry With You This Morning

Worship Leaders – Erin Dalrymple & David Miller

Organist/Pianist – Mary Beth Flory

Early Service Musician – Russell Shank

Prelude Musician – Mary Beth Flory

Children’s Storyteller – Janean Fawley

Hospitality Desk – Sharon Kiracofe

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

A-V Volunteers – Dave Lineweaver & Michael Overman

Music Director – Jim Benedict

Decorators – Lev Norford & Missy Hipps

August Deacon Caregivers – Alice Lee Hopkins

Bulletin Delivery to BRC – Sally Jane Conner

The Vocal Chords: Jim Benedict, David Holl, Mike Hostetter, Will Nolan, Richard Phillips, Dick Stutzman, Fred Swartz.

Accompanist, Katherine Shrader

Anthem Text: Special Music *Make Us One* by Sally DeFord

How shall we stand amid uncertainty? Where is our comfort in travail?
How shall we walk amid infirmity, when feeble limbs are worn and frail?
And as we pass through mortal sorrow, how shall our hearts abide the day?
Where is the strength the soul may borrow? Teach us thy way, teach us thy way,

(refrain) Make us one that our burdens may be light, Make us one as we seek eternal life,
Unite our hands to serve thy children well, Unite us in obedience to thy will,
Make us one, Teach us, Lord, to be of one faith, of one heart, One in thee.

Then shall our souls be filled with charity, Then shall all hate and anger cease,
And though we strive amid adversity, yet shall we find thy perfect peace.
So shall we stand despite our weakness, So shall our strength be strength enough,
We bring our hearts to thee in meekness, Lord, wilt thou bind them in thy love? (refrain)

Take from me this heart of stone, and make it flesh, even as thine own,
Take from me unfeeling pride, Teach me compassion, cast my fear aside.
Give us one heart, give us one mind, Lord make us thine, Oh make us thine!
Make us one, that our burdens may be light, Make us one as we seek eternal life,
Unite our hands to serve thy children well, Unite us in obedience to thy will,
Make us one, teach us, Lord, to be, of one faith, of one heart, one in thee.

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Announcements:

August 13: Garden Work Day 8:30-11:00 am

All ages and abilities are welcome. The CE Commission will provide pizza and popsicles for all helpers following the workday. Children are encouraged to wear swimsuits under their work clothes and bring water shoes for some fun in the sprinklers! See BCOB Bulletin Board email for a signup link.

August 14: NYC & FaithX Reporting Sunday

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30am: 14

11:00am: 122

Treasurer’s Report 7/29-8/4

To Church budget: \$5007.78

To Specific funds:

\$200.00 Dan Myers Memorial

\$50.00 Naomi Claque Memorial

Gifts Discernment Committee Survey

Gifts Discernment Committee has begun its work for the year. We will be looking to fill positions in the following commissions, and we would appreciate anyone who like to serve in any of these areas letting us know of your interest.

- Finance
- Mission and Service
- Property and Custodial Care
- Witness and Nurture

We will also be looking for people willing to serve as Assistant Moderator, Assistant Clerk, Board of Administration and Board of Deacons members.

In addition, we need:

- A representative to the Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg Rockingham County
- Annual Conference Delegates to Cincinnati 2023
- District Conference Delegates

Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to the offering plate or to the church office. Or call Joyce Wampler 540-828-2073 or Lev Norford 540-828-3452 (co-chairs of Discernment) and talk to us about your interest.

1. Name _____
2. Interested in: _____
3. Talents you would like to offer: _____

Terms for these positions will begin January 1, 2023. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.