



**Bedford Presbyterian Church**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 June 28, 2020 at 10 AM

**Worship-at-a-Distance Format**

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

Chimes

Gathering Music

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Collingsworth

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Sawyer

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Call to Worship (Responsive from Psalm 13)

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God’s holy people.

**We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Let us trust in the steadfast love of the Lord.

**Our hearts rejoice in the salvation that comes from God.**

Let us sing to the Lord,

**Because God has dealt bountifully with us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**Let us worship God, together.**

Hymn # 415 (see below)

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

Prayer of the Day

**Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.**

Sung Response

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me;  
 And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me;  
 And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen.  
 World without end, without end, Amen. (Repeat 2x)  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen.*

**ENCOUNTERING THE WORD**

Children’s Sermon

Special Music

Charlene Isham, solo

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Listen now for the Word of God.

**Our ears are open. . .**

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 13

Pastor John Sawyer

. . . The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“How Long?”  
 (Maybe Sooner than You Think)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn # 692 (see below)

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Affirmation of Faith – from the Confession of Belhar (10.7)

Deacon Charlene Isham

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. . . that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm other.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Shearing

*At this time, you are invited to offer your tithes and offerings,  
by writing a check and putting it in an envelope to the church,  
or through our church’s online giving website  
(<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/giving/one-time-gifts-pledges/>),  
or by scanning this QR code and making a donation.*



*Your giving has a direct impact on the ministry and mission  
of Bedford Presbyterian Church!  
Thank you!*

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OR

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Faithful God, we give you thanks that you have entrusted us with the gift of hospitality and generosity, and that you have set us free to be generous givers of the gifts you so freely give to us. May our offerings this day draw us closer to you as we share them with others for righteousness’ sake. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“debts/debtors”)

Pastor John Sawyer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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.

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn # 372 (see below)

“O for a World”

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### Charge and Benediction and Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And with you.**

### Closing Song

NORTHUMBRIA MORNING BLESSING

*May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.*

*May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.*

*May he bring you home, rejoicing, at the wonders he has shown you.*

*May he bring you home, rejoicing, once again into our doors.*

### Postlude

“O For a World”

Sanborn



### Liturgists and Leaders in today's worship service –

The Reverend John Sawyer, Pastor

Mrs. Barbara Flocco, Music Director

Elder Alicia Wooldridge, Liturgist

Deacon Charlene Isham, Liturgist and Soloist

Mr. Marc Murai, Bedford Community Television

Information on ways to access audio and video versions of today's service can be found at [www.bedfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.bedfordpresbyterian.org).

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### The August 2020 Intergenerational Mission Trip to Maine

**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Given the uncertainty of our times there remains a chance, that for some unforeseen reason, the trip might not happen. However, we are proceeding as if it will and it will be as successful as all our previous Mission Trips.

**Who:** Adults and teens 16 years of age or older.

**When:** Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Farmington, Maine, about 3 ½ hours away via car.

**Deadline to apply:** July 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

**What:** We will be working with the Mission at the Eastward (MATE). Their MATE Housing Ministry provides home repairs for people in need. Painting, roof repairs, porches, steps, ramps and simple interior and exterior repairs are likely prospects for the work teams. All work teams will have adult supervisors.

**The fee per person:** \$350.

**Lodging:** We will all be staying in a residence hall on the campus of the University of Maine-Farmington!

**Food and leisure:** Meals, and snacks are included in the cost except for a few items

**Transportation:** We will be driving ourselves to Maine and back home, and to and from the job sites.

**Applications:** Applications and forms will be available soon on the church website.

### Questions or more information:

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CONFESSION

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef for the voice part and a bass clef for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment with a consistent bass line and chords.

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.  
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION  
8.7.8.7 with refrain

CONFESSION

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
 you will nev - er come at all.  
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
 Refrain F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
 C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup>

to Refrain  
 fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

# O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.