



Bedford Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost and Father's Day
 June 21, 2020 at 10 AM

Worship-at-a-Distance Format

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive from Psalm 86)

Elder Larry Cowen

Listen to us, O Lord, and answer us.

O God, we need your help.

We trust in you to save us – to save all your servants.

You are our God – be gracious to us.

We will give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

We will sing praise to the Lord, forever.

Great is God's steadfast love toward us.

God has delivered our souls from the depths.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God, together.

Hymn # 470 (see below)

“There is a Longing in Our Hearts”

LONGING

Prayer of the Day

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age.

You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name, we pray. 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

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-11

Listen now for the Word of God.

Our ears are open. . .

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Pastor John Sawyer

. . . The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“It's Good to Be Reminded”
 (Who God Is and Who We Are)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn # 844 (see below)

“Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me”

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Affirmation of Faith – from the Confession of Belhar (10.1-3)

Deacon Matt Studham

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. . . We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*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 HUNDREDDTH

*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)

Holy One, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the life that we receive from you in Christ Jesus. You have shown that your mercy overcomes sin and evil and brings relief from oppression. We thank you for your steadfast love that keeps covenant with your people. In Christ we know the depth of your care for all that you create. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us so that we can praise you eternally in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 # 485 (see below)

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

ENGELBERG

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



Liturgists and Leaders in today's worship service –

The Reverend John Sawyer, Pastor

Jill Pennington, Pianist

Elder Larry Cowen, Liturgist

Deacon Matt Studham, Liturgist

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.

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The August 2020 Intergenerational Mission Trip to Maine

Saturday, August 1st through Friday, August 7th

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 1st through Friday, August 7th

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

Deadline to apply: July 18th 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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470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain *All*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

you to re - veal your - self to us.

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

on - ly find in you, our God. *Fine*

Leader or All

1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
 2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
 3 For heal - ing, for whole-ness, for new life:
 4 Lord save us, take pit - y, Light in our

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
 hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
 hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
 dark - ness. We call you; we wait:

be near; hear our prayer, O God. *to Refrain*

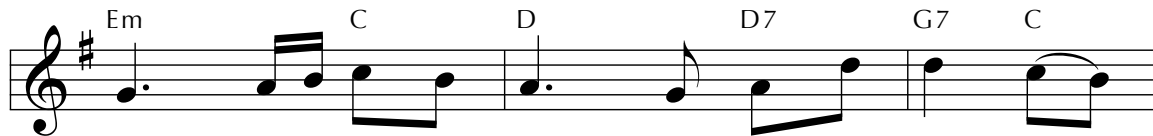
The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me 844

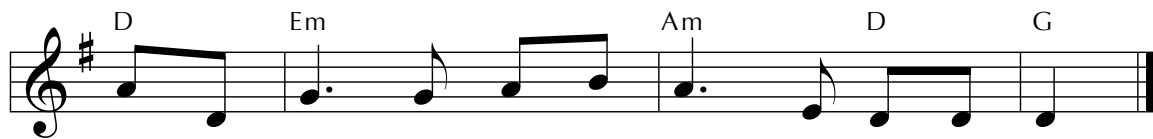
(Psalm 86)



1 In - cline your ear, O Lord, to me, for I am
 2 You, Lord, have shown to me your grace, in ways be -
 3 With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con -
 4 All na - tions shall pro - claim you Lord, and at your



poor, and need your care, my God, the an - chor
 yond my mor - tal sight. Be - fore your face, I
 fes - sion and for - gives; re - deemed, the soul in
 name all knees shall bend to glo - ri - fy your



of my trust, the tru - est an - swer to my prayer.
 lift my soul; to sing your praise is my de - light!
 which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!
 righ - teous - ness and sing your prais - es with - out end.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This paraphrase of Psalm 86 begins as an individual lament, but it gradually moves into general affirmations and concludes with the declaration that all people will one day worship God. The tune is based on a traditional English ballad air named for a village in North Yorkshire.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)
 F Csus C C/B^b F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)
 Cm F B^b Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.