



WELCOME!
Sunday Worship
May 5, 2024

Welcoming Hymn: #662 *Let your heart be Broken*

Announcements:

Join us Wednesday nights from 6p-8p down in the community room for Bible Study on the popular series *The Chosen*. We watch, reflect and discuss. Each week is a separate topic, so join us when you can! Feel free to bring a snack to share if you'd like but not required.

All are welcome to join us for Prayer on Fridays at 4pm. We gather in the sitting area outside of the Pastor's office.

Are there any other announcements from the floor?

Call To Worship: (Leader)

(L): We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

(ALL): to be God's servants in the service of all,

(L): to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

(ALL): to join Christ in his passion and victory.

(L): "Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God."

(ALL): All who love are born of God and know God. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: #537 *The Wise may bring their Learning*

Prayer of Illumination: (Leader)

Rabbi Jesus, Teacher of teachers, thank you for empowering us to know and grow in wisdom and truth. You challenge us and stretch us and open us. You grant us grace to grow over time. We bless you for your patience and welcome. It gives us the confidence to draw near. See us here, at your feet, ready to go deeper, ready for the new life it will bring. Speak Lord, we're listening.

1st Reading: (Leader) 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Hymn: #644 *Since I have been redeemed*

Chorus: Since I have been redeemed

Prayer of Transformation: (Pastor)

Lord, forgive us for the times when we have chosen safety and comfort over fidelity to you. For the times when following you requires us to stretch, grow, and be challenged, give us courage. Renew our trust in you as we silently confess our sins to you now...

Declaration of Forgiveness: (Pastor)

As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayers of The People: (Pastor)

For all who seek you oh God, may they find you, in your mercy we pray, **All: Lord hear our prayer**

For those who are weary and tired, we pray for your renewal of spirit, mind and body, in your mercy we pray. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

For our community, may it continue to grow deep in the soil of your marvelous love, and be an example of peace to all who enter here, in your mercy we pray.

All: Lord hear our prayer

For all those who are traveling, surround them with your arms of safety and protection. For all who are dealing with illness and those who care for the sick, send your healing and strength we ask in your mercy.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Send your spirit to places and all spaces where there is division and separation from you, may those who are far, grow a hunger for your presence and be restored in your mercy we pray. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

For the prayers that are on our hearts or minds, we lift them to you now in silence...

In your mercy we pray. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem: #240 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Reading 2: (Leader) Colossians 2:6-10

Call of the children: Let the Children Come

Let the children come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Let the children come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. So spoke Jesus to his disciples. So speaks Jesus to us today; let the children come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Kids Lesson: Pastor Julia

Sermon:(2 Part) **Series on Being Rooted**

Part 2:Grow

Communion meditation hymn: *One Bread One Body*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Tithes and Offerings

Charge & Blessing

Go forth into the world and be of good courage, render no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people, Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty Creator, Redeemer and Holy Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always. Amen..

Exiting Hymn: #476 **More Love to Thee**

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Julia DiFiore, Pastor

Liturgist: Jovanna DiFiore

Music Ministry: Brianna Crawford and the Bradford Woods Community Church Choir

Prayers for the Community:

- Continued Prayers for Rebekah in her studies.
- Pam's family in the passing of her father Johnnie last week.
- The Sam family in the death of Alex
- For the BWCC leadership and community
- Missy Johns: Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Missy's friend Emily: recovering from chemo and surgery
- Sue's friend Carol Frazier: pain, severe balance issues and possibly facing another surgery
- Doug Atkinson: suffering with worsening Alzheimers
- Diana's brother-in-law Bill: dealing with ongoing health issues
- For Palestine, Israel and all war torn places
- For our community, state and the world
- For the poor and under-housed

If you are aware of any updates or new prayers needed to be added, please email the office at bradfordwoodscommunitychurch@gmail.com

A Morning Prayer for the week at home:

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