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The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Share this with persons you know who are out of town or unable to attend our Worship Service in person. **Visit the Church Website** at www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY AT JOHNSON AVENUE WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM

Revive Recovery continues to meet each Wednesday evening at our Johnson Avenue campus. Revive Recovery is a program specifically for dealing with the troubles we face in this challenging culture and time. Revive Recovery is, in fact, for all hurts, habits, or hang-ups. Only 1 in 3 are there for substance issues. Sign up to help by preparing a light supper served at 6 PM. Sign up on bulletin board in the main entry.

YOU BELONG HERE! Are you interested in membership at Bridgeport United Methodist Church? Membership at BUMC is open to all people who believe in Jesus Christ and will uphold this Church with their prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service. If you would like more information about becoming a member of Bridgeport UMC, simply check the box on the attendance register, speak to a pastor, call the Church office at 304.842.6284, or email us at info@bridgeportumc.org. We are excited about what God is doing at Bridgeport UMC, and we would love to welcome you to join us on the journey!

WOMEN IN FAITH RUMMAGE SALE

Spring cleaning? Good news! We will begin collecting items for the rummage sale on May 1. Please put your items in the gym entrance between 8-4 Monday through Friday. Please make sure items are clean and in working order and remove hangers. Please, no tires, electronics or paint. We will collect through May 29. Thank you for your help with this important mission project! If you would like to help sort and/or set up, please contact Cheryl Bramble. The rummage sale will be held early August. More information will come later.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 2:1-11

Monday: Luke 13:31-35

Tuesday: Psalm 100:1-5

Wednesday: Isaiah 61:1-6

Thursday: Joshua 1:1-9

Friday: I Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Saturday: Psalm 147:1-11

Breath Prayer this Week:

Thank you, Jesus, for living out an example of how to glorify God.

Help us to imitate you in all things as we spend time with you and better learn your ways. Amen

GRADUATION RECOGNITION We are recognizing the Class of 2024 on May 19th during our 10:45 AM Worship Service. If you know of a senior who has not received a letter from the church, please call the Church Office at 304.842.6284. Please email or drop off your senior photo and information as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School Classes are:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
Faith, Family & Friends SS/Parlor/
9:30 AM

INTERESTED IN FOSTER CARE...

With the theme of "Finding Beauty in Broken-ness," representatives from multiple churches are coming to speak during our Sunday School hour (9:30am) on Sunday June 2 about the many ways in which you can advocate, support, and pray for our state's most vulnerable. All are welcome to attend. No RSVP required. Meet in the Parlor at 9:30am.

AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

8:30 Service Childcare - infants-5 years,
Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

10:45 Service Childcare - infants-2 years,
Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr.
olds, Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right

Children's Bulletin available on table in the back of the Sanctuary

10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-2nd grade,
Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary

Extra Copies of Our Newsletter, "Steeple Talk" available in the Narthex

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

April 27, 2024

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

*HYMNS

Morning Has Broken

Jesus Loves Me (verses 1 and 3)

Tom Price

UMH 145

UMH 191

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.

~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org, to register for twice weekly devotional e-mails from our pastors.

WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

MESSAGE

The Gardener's Touch

Joe Starkey

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Blessed Spring

FWS 2076

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

FWS-Faith We Sing Hymnal UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

WS-Worship and Song Hymnal

Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old in the Nursery in the back hallway by the Chapel

*Indicates standing

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE

April 28, 2024

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

Growing in the Word

The Word in Music

*Scripture

John 15:1-17

Today's Message

Fruitful Living

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

Glorifying God Through Communion and Response

Holy Communion

(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving anew His grace.)

Going Forth to Share and Serve

Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities

*Closing Song

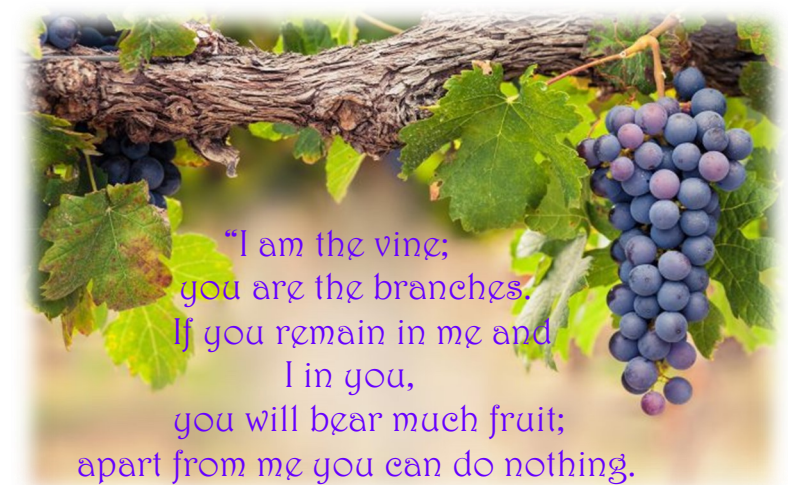
*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

April 28, 2024 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF "MATTHEW 25"

We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me." (Matthew 25:40) This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

GATHERING MUSIC

Jordan Groves

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

arr. by David Lasky

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.

Today's leader is Nancy McClure.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

INTROIT (10:45 AM)

Shine on Me

Rollo Dilworth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!

Reader: We gather in the name of the resurrected Christ to lift our voices in worship!

ALL: Surely God is with us!

Reader: We praise Jesus, the Light of the world!

ALL: He leads us out of the darkness into marvelous light!

Reader: We praise Jesus, the Bread of Life!

ALL: He nourishes and sustains us with abundant life!

Reader: We praise Jesus, the True Vine!

ALL: He nurtures us so that we may bear the fruit of love!

*INVOCATION

*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.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

This Is the Day

UMH 657

SONG OF PRAISE (10:45 AM)

The Fruit of the Vine

Mark Patterson



GIVE ONLINE

Simply scan the QR code

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired. A steward will collect them during the final hymn.
 - ~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.
 - ~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org to check for regular updates.
- (10:45 Children K-2nd Grade only may leave for Children's Church. Please meet with your leader in the back of the Sanctuary. Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

*DOXOLOGY **Sing We to Our King Above** (Tune: Easter Hymn)
Sing we to our King above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 15:1-17**
 Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC **There in God's Garden** Kirlay Imre von Pesceli
 Tr. Erik Routley; Jeremy J. Bankson

<p>Seraphim Singers: 1. There in God's garden stands the Tree of wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations: Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.</p> <p>Chancel Choir and Seraphim: 2. Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.</p> <p>Chancel Choir, Seraphim and Basses: 3. Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it, nor fire consumed it.</p>	<p>Chancel Choir: 4. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow. I will give blessing." Choirs and Congregation: 5. This is my ending; this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy! Choirs and Congregation: 6. All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ, whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!</p>
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MESSAGE **Fruitful Living** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **I Need Thee Every Hour** UMH 397

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Reader: We believe in God the Father,
ALL: the Creator and Source of all things.
 Reader: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son,
ALL: who loved all people and who makes us one in his love.
 Reader: He suffered and died, but was raised to new life.
ALL: In his death and resurrection, we are also raised to new life.
 Reader: Christ is our Vine, and we are his branches;
ALL: and without him, we cannot live.
 Reader: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
ALL: who flows through us, so that we bear fruit for God, the fruit of love.

Reader: In the Spirit, we are one with Christ, one with each other,

ALL: and one in ministry to all the world.

Reader: We believe in the one holy church,

ALL: the communion of saints,

Reader: the forgiveness of sins,

ALL: the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

A PRAYER FOR SINGING Walter Brueggemann

Reader: We are people who must sing you,
 for the sake of our very lives.
**ALL: You are a God who must be sung by us,
 for the sake of your majesty and honor.**

Reader: And so we thank you, for the lyrics that push us past our reasons,
ALL: for melodies that break open our givens,
 Reader: for cadences that locate us home,
 beyond all our safe places,

**ALL: for tones and tunes that open our lives beyond control
 and our futures beyond despair.**
 Reader: We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers
 who have sung you deep and true;

**ALL: We thank you for the good company of artists, poets, musicians,
 cantors, and instrumentalists that sing for us and with us, toward you.**
 Reader: We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor;
ALL: We will forever sing your praise. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!

Reader: Peace be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Reader: We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you have sent your Son to graft us into the vine of life. He is the vine, and we are your branches. As the many branches grow from the one vine, we are one with you and with all your beloved. He lived among us to show us your love, to teach us your ways, and to gather us into a new community. We crucified him and cut down the vine. But you raised him to new life! The vine lives on, so that, like branches of a vine, we may draw our life from him and bear much fruit. By your Spirit, empower us to abide in you and to share your love in the world until Christ comes in final victory and we shall dwell with you forever!

ALL: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** UMH 384

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE **"Christ Dying, Rising, and Reigning"** (SALEM)
 from Two Appalachian Hymns by Gladys Jameson

*Indicates standing

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller - organist, Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers, Seraphim Singers, Piano - Tom Price, Jordan Groves, Barbara Sullivan;
Youth Liturgists - Emma Ahmed, Kaitlyn Kimble, Raegan Fitzpatrick, Daniel Yearego, Audrey Corder, Olivia Corder, Emma Kniceley-See, Jordan Groves
Christian Sympathy to Col. William McKinsey on the death of his wife, Andrelle (Andi) McKinsey.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (April 28 - May 5)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith Family Friends SS	Parlor
9:30 AM	WOW Children's SS (Pre K3-5th)	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Balcony

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
7:00 PM	Administrative Board Mtg.	Back of Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer Meeting	Johnson Ave. Parsonage

FRIDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
8:30 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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SUNDAY, May 5

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School	
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Handbells Rehearsal	Balcony



WONDERS OF WORSHIP
Come Hear and See
Under the
Story Telling Tree

CHOIR RECOGNITION

Ages Pre K3 - 5th Grade 9:30 -10:30 AM
 every Sunday!

Today 9:30 AM gather in Fellowship Hall
 Dismiss after singing for 10:45 AM Service