

Mission Co-Workers

Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado are mission co-workers with the Presbyterian Border Ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico, where Mark has served since 1998. In his role as U.S. coordinator of the binational ministry Frontera de Cristo, Mark partners with Mexico coordinator, Jocabed Gallegos, of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico. Together, Mark and Jocabed coordinate the six ministry areas of Frontera de Cristo: church development, health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education, and the Just Trade Center.

Miriam connects people and organizations across borders and serves as a liaison of Frontera de Cristo with the Center for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Recuperation (CRREDA in Spanish), Douglaprieta Trabaja, and the Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church. She works with Douglaprieta to help the community, schools, rehabilitation centers and families of the church grow their own food, increasing their nutrition possibilities and connection with God's creation and one another.

Disaster Assistance

Our hearts go out to the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria and our prayers go up on their behalf. Presbyterians are already responding to the tragedy through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and our partner churches in the region. **If you would like to be a part of this effort, please make your checks payable to Bethpage Presbyterian Church and mark it *Turkey*.** The session has voted to match all that we collect for earthquake assistance. Contributions need to be received by March 6th.

To Our Visitors

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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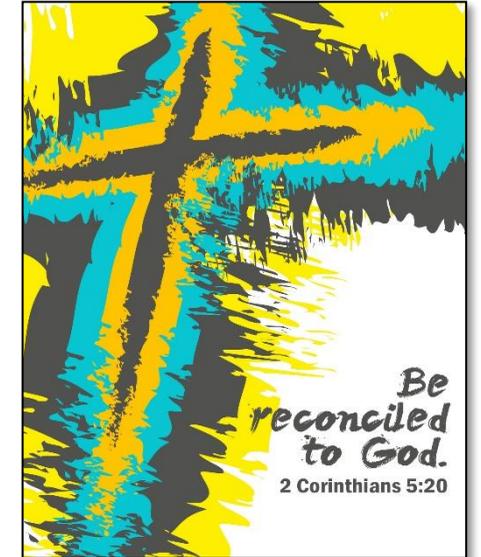
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

*"A family of faith in Jesus
Christ, yesterday, today,
and tomorrow."*

February 12, 2023

10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

"How Beautiful"

Arr. Lloyd Lawson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC #2150 *"Lord, Be Glorified"*

(verses 1, 3, & 4, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and growing.

Let us worship God, together.

HYMN #229

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 7:15-17

God’s word reminds us of the human struggle we all face:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So now let us turn to God, asking to be forgiven, cleansed from sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not welcomed the refugee, nor have we opened our arms to the stranger. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Forgive us, O God. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

CHOIR RESPONSE

“Make Me a Servant”

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, Jesus crossed the border between divinity and humanity entering fully into the suffering and brokenness of the world to reconcile us back to God. When the religious and political leaders tried to send him back across that border, Jesus bore our sins and the sins of the world on the cross. In the midst of betrayal, denial, torture, and crucifixion, Jesus hanging on the cross says: “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Who then is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, rose from the dead for us, and prays for us. Sisters and brothers, trust and live the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Blessed Are They”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (Pew Bible, p. 181)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Selections from Genesis

SERMON

“Reconciliation in a Divided World”

Rev. Mark Adams

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We believe God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, and to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chance to exercise power for the common good. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that advance justice, compassion and peace.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

“I Sing Praises to Your Name”

Doxology *(sung)*

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

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we come to you with grateful hearts. Help us to be good stewards of this glorious life you give us. Bless these resources that we bring and use them to meet the needs of others and to bring you glory. Make us committed to your will and your way as we go about our living. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN #434

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

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