

Prayer of Dedication

God our creator, take these gifts that we bring and use us and them to bring about your purposes in this world. We are grateful to you for your love and are challenged by your call to discipleship. Make us more faithful in our love for you and in our response to others. May we always model your grace. Amen.

**HYMN**

*"Do Lord"*

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun, (Oh, Lordy)  
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun,  
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun,  
Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,  
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh, do remember me,  
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,  
Look away beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too, (Oh, Lordy)  
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too,  
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too,  
While he's calling you.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,  
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh, do remember me,  
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,  
Look away beyond the blue.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Go Out With Joy"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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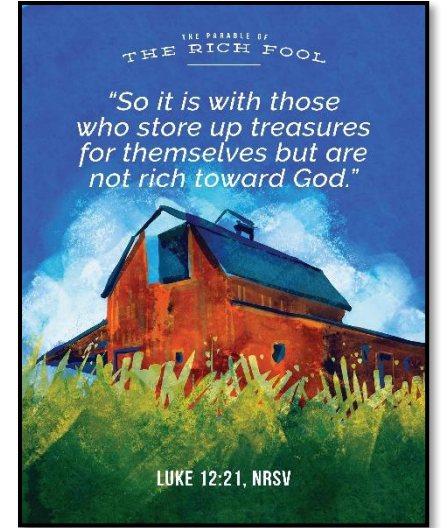
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**Welcome to  
Bethpage  
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**June 9, 2024  
10:00 AM**



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING MUSIC** *"Come Into God's Presence"*

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."  
Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**We are here to challenge and support one another in discipleship.**

We are here because we want to be God's people.

**We want to learn more about what it means to be the family of faith.**

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

**Let us worship God.**

**HYMN**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.**

*Refrain*

**Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.** *Refrain*

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,** *Refrain*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving Creator, hold us in the arms of your forgiveness and grace.  
When we run from you or abandon your guiding light, welcome us back  
with mercy. When we squander your gifts or reject your generosity,  
remind us of where we fit into your gracious love. Open our eyes to our  
sin and bring us in humility to you in repentance. Forgive us when we  
grasp for control forgetting that all of life is a gift. Help our lives to be a  
worthy response to your love and grace. Hear us as we come before you  
in silence . . .** *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**HYMN**

*“Kum ba Yah”*

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone’s praying Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**God makes all things new.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**

*“Old Church Choir”*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 49:1-12 (The Message)

**RESPONSE HYMN**

*“Gather Us In”*

**Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreaming,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

**SERMON**

*“The Rich Fool”*

Valerie Hicks

**THE PEOPLE RESPOND**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, whose love we know in the beauty of all creation, in  
the creation of all people, in the kindness of human hearts, and most  
clearly in Jesus of Nazareth. We believe in Jesus Christ whose revelation of  
grace and mercy brings forgiveness for our past, strength for our future,  
and deliverance, from the fear of death. We believe in the Holy Spirit, as  
God present with us, disciples of justice, and givers of mercy. We believe  
in the final triumph of God’s kindness and in life everlasting. Amen.**

**GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING**

Offertory

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.**