Worship in English 2021 in the Bergkirche First Sunday of the month 11:00 AM

First Sunday:Livestream worship at the Bergkirche at 11 AMSecond Sunday:Zoom Dinner Church at 6 PMThird Sunday:No Gathering Due to Coronavirus RestrictionsFourth Sunday:Zoom Worship/Bible Study at 11 AM

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Rev. Hannah Cranbury.

The Bergkirche Sometimes Angels Pick-up Choir

welcomes all who like to sing. The Choir will reconvene as soon as restrictions on group singing are in the church are suspended. Contact Rhodri Britton if you would like to sing with the choir:

rhodribritton@t-online.de

Fundraising update

As you may know, the English Outreach is unique in Germany in that it is supported fully by the generosity of those who attend. For the congregation's contract to renew, the congregation must contribute 18.000,- \notin to our annual expenses before the end of September. Help us reach our goal and invest in this community that means so much to you by giving a tax-deductible donation!

If you are able to donate, please let Rev. Cranbury know of your contribution, so that we can track the funds to our congregation.

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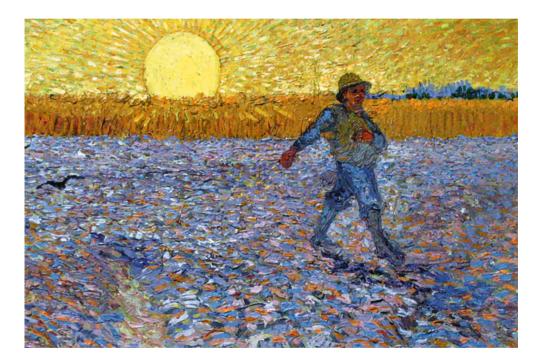
Upcoming Events in the Bergkirche:

• Sunday March 7th, 11:00 AM

Our March 7th worship service will be the official farewell for Rev. Rosalind Gnatt and the installation of Rev. Hannah Cranbury. We hope you will join us in whichever way we are permitted to gather, either in person or via livestream!

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> February 7th, 2021 Sunday Sexagesimä



"Today, if you hear God's voice, do not harden your hearts". Hebrews 3, 15

Musical Prelude: Concertino - Hans Uwe Hielscher

Greeting

Gathering Hymn: All creatures of the earth and sky, verses 1+4

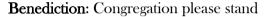


Invocation: We gather today in the love of God, the compassion of Jesus, our Christ, and of the Holy Spirit:



Announcements

Sending Hymn: A Clare Benediction – John Rutter May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: May he guard you and uphold you, may his spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.





Postlude: Toccata d-moll – Max Reger -Please be seated for the Postlude-

Singer: Janine & Conny Putzek, Organ: Dirk Putzek Liturgy: Rev. Hannah Cranbury Technique: Jörg Müller



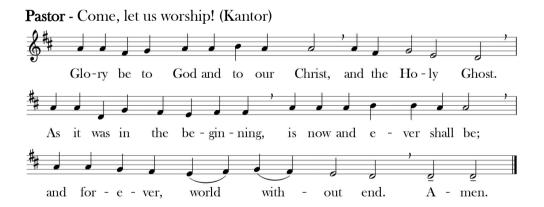
Today's collection is for the ongoing work of the English Community Outreach Project at the Bergkirche, Deanery of Wiesbaden. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, - We pray together:



Psalm 119 - Reader and Congregation The Lord exists for ever: your word is firmly fixed in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand today, for all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope.



Prayer of Confession Kyrie – Karl Jenkins (from "The armed man – a mass for peace")

Absolution



Gospel: Luke 8; 4-15 - Please stand as you are able

When a large crowd had gathered and people had come to Jesus from every city, he used this story as an illustration: "A farmer went to plant his seeds. Some seeds were planted along the road, were trampled, and were devoured by birds. Others were planted on rocky soil. When the plants came up, they withered because they had no moisture. Others were planted among thornbushes. The thornbushes grew up with them and choked them. Others were planted on good ground. When they came up, they produced a hundred times as much as was planted."

After he had said this, he called out, "Let the person who has ears listen!" His disciples asked him what this story meant. Jesus answered, "Knowledge about the mysteries of God's kingdom has been given directly to you. But it is given to others in stories. When they look, they don't see, and when they hear, they don't understand.

"This is what the story illustrates: The seed is God's word. Some people are like seeds that were planted along the road. They hear the word, but then the devil comes. He takes the word away from them so that they don't believe and become saved. Some people are like seeds on rocky soil. They welcome the word with joy whenever they hear it, but they don't develop any roots. They believe for a while, but when their faith is tested, they abandon it. The seeds that were planted among thornbushes are people who hear the word, but as life goes on the worries, riches, and pleasures of life choke them. So they don't produce anything good. The seeds that were planted on good ground are people who also hear the word. But they keep it in their good and honest hearts and produce what is good despite what life may bring.

Reader: Blessed are they who hear and keep God's Word; Hallelujah!



Sermon: Luke 8; 4-15: Ground for Growth

Hymn: This old world

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