

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday

11:00am

**asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

please turn your cell phones to silent

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Lisa Koffman

One: Come climb the mountain with Jesus.

All: Be dazzled as time transfigures and God speaks.

One: Come down from the mountain into the valley with God's Son

All: where tragedy is transformed in the presence of God.

One: Come with your triumphs and your troubles, and follow the way of Christ.

All: We walk the journey with Jesus. We trust in the love of God.

*Hymn 193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

UNSER HERRSCHER

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: God, with You, nothing is impossible. For generations we have heard the stories of peoples' encounters with Your Son and Your Spirit. We know the stories of the miraculous and the unbelievable. We confess we struggle to believe. Help us to bring our every thought, our every difficulty, our every question to You. And help us to trust that You are the Source of all that is good and perfect and possible. Help our unbelief!

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Congregational Response Hymn 155 "Raise a Song of Gladness" JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

*Share the Peace of Christ

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Congregational Chorus¹ "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator We are family, Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;

With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“High upon a Mountain”

Lloyd Larson

Casey Gurlen, bass, and John Lux, saxophone

Prayer for Illumination

Lisa Koffmann

Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

Scripture

Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-34

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

“Stories of the Impossible”

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

Hymn 181 *(please remain seated)*

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

EBENEZER

The Prayers of God’s People

Lisa Koffman

Offering

Lisa Koffman

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

Offertory

***Hymn 710**

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

***Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts**

Usher

***Communion**

Rev. Carla Meisterman and Ruling Elders
Gordon Brigman & Susie Knight

All are welcome to come forward to the tables when invited by the Ruling Elders. Take the bread and the cup, then remain at the table together for a silent prayer while the congregation prays for you. Return to your seat when your prayer together is ended.

***Hymn 190**

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

***Charge & Blessing**

Rev. Carla Meisterman

***The Last Alleluia**

Rev. Carla Meisterman

We join our voices to shout the last “Alleluia!” before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday

***Benediction Hymn**

“Lord, Let Us Leave Now”

Old English Tune

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.

We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- Plan to stay after worship this morning for the **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to hear the report from the 2019 Nominating Committee and consider the nominations for Elders in the Class of 2022.
- We begin the 40-day journey of Lent with our **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** on March 6, 2019, at 6:45pm in the sanctuary. Rev. Carla Meisterman and Rev. Anne Hagler will guide us in reflection and contemplation as we gather to worship and receive the imposition of ashes.
- Anne Hagler will lead six weekly **SPIRITUAL RETREATS** on the theme *“Where is God?: Mindfulness for Today”* beginning Tuesday, March 12, from 10:30 to noon, and continuing through Tuesday, April 16. All are welcome! Sign up on the insert in the Friendship pads or call the church office.
- **CHAIR YOGA** is coming to Balmoral two days a week, led by Lynn Ward. Chair Yoga is a class that will help with balance and flexibility, and it is for everyone. You can do Chair Yoga even if you have had knee or hip surgery or are using a walker or cane. It is modified to your needs, and each participant is encouraged to only do what they feel they are able to do. The 45-minute class will be offered on Tuesdays at 12:30pm and Thursdays at 12:15pm. Starting dates will be announced soon. For more information, contact Lynn Ward.
- **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** meets Monday, March 11, 6:30pm, classroom C.
- **BOOK CLUB** meets Tuesday, March 12, 1:30pm in the Office Conference Room. The selection for March is *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L’Engle.
- **SESSION MEETING** Sunday, March 17, 4:30pm in classroom C.
- **SIGN UP for the FOOD SORT** on the inserts in the Friendship pads. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30pm, Thursday, March 21, to carpool together to the Food Pantry.
- **DON’T FORGET the FOOD CART!** Hundreds of families depend on your donations. Let’s make sure the Food Cart has plenty of food for the Food Pantry!
- **JOHNSON AUXILIARY** collects items all year long—in need are hygiene products, winter clothes (no turtlenecks), sweatpants, men’s casual shoes, new women’s underwear and socks, men’s hoodies, jackets, and gloves.

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prayer concerns...

birthdays...

MARCH:

Robin Ashworth (4), Bill Hooker (13), Robin Van Nortwick (20), John Gilmer (27)

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