

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

11:00am

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

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

## Introit

“The Lord Is My Light”

arr. Kiran Young Wimberly and the McGraths

## Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

## Prelude

“Behold the Heavens”

Bells of Balmoral

Kathleen Wissinger

## \*Call to Worship

Don Lamb

One: People of God, follow the way of the Lord!

**All: The way of the Lord is loving and faithful to all who keep God’s covenant.**

One: The way of the Lord is a refuge in times of trouble, a stronghold for those of integrity.

**All: The Lord speaks, “My thoughts are not your thoughts. My ways are not your ways.” Let us follow the teachings of Christ. Let us seek the way of the Lord.**

## \*Hymn 543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

## Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: God who guides, we confess we all want to know where we are going. We invest a lot of energy into thinking about what lies ahead. Your word makes it clear that we are called to follow the way of Christ, but we are more content to make our own way in the world. We confess we do not see You because we do not seek You. We do not follow You because we do not know Your ways. Forgive us Lord. Be our vision.**

*Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.*

## Choral Response

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

## Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Congregational Response Hymn 698

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

## \*Share the Peace of Christ

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**\*Congregational Chorus** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS  
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt true faith in you.  
O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

**Announcements** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Julie Turner  
Bells of Balmoral

**Prayer for Illumination** Don Lamb

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

**Scripture** (*see insert*) Psalm 119 & John 14:5-14 Don Lamb & Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Sermon** "I AM the Way" Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

**Hymn 28** (*please remain seated*) "You Are Before Me, Lord" SURSUM CORDA (Smith)

**The Prayers of God's People** Don Lamb

**Offering** Don Lamb

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** Devotion on "Woodworth" (Just As I Am) Goode  
Frank Carney, organist

**\*Hymn 710** "We Lift Our Voices" OFFERING

**\*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts** Usher

**\*Hymn 741** "Guide My Feet" GUIDE MY FEET

**\*Charge & Blessing** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**\*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.
- We welcome **LINDA WARREN** as pianist and **FRANK CARNEY** as organist this morning.
- **CARE MINISTRY** will present a session on **HEALTHY WAYS TO NAVIGATE GRIEF** with The Reverend Russell Belisle today, immediately after worship, in the sanctuary. Reverend Belisle is one of the chaplains deployed to congregations throughout the city for the purpose of discussing many important issues of health and well-being. (Light snacks will be provided.)
- **LENTEN MINDFULNESS RETREAT** continues Tuesday, March 26, at 10:30am.
- **CHAIR YOGA** meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30pm in the Fellowship area. Build increased flexibility and better balance with these low-impact yoga exercises.
- **SPRING FORMATION CLASSES** begin at 9:30am on Sunday, April 7, 2019, and will run through May 19. Two classes will be offered:
  - *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott with leaders Beverly Hooker and Mary Schmitz
  - *The Other Jesus: Rejecting a Religion of Fear* by Greg Garrett with leaders Art Hall and Ted Pearson.Note that there will be no classes on Easter Sunday, April 21.
- **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—current needs are men's pants sizes 30-34, men's casual shoes (all sizes), umbrellas, and hygiene items (toothpaste; toothbrushes; large combs and brushes, particularly those for detangling hair).

## prayer concerns...

## birthdays...

### MARCH:

John Gilmer (27)

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