

balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

March 31, 2019

Fourth 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

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

SOUTHERN HARMONY, arr. Shackley

*Call to Worship

Lisa Kroener

One: People of God, the Lord is the vine and we are the branches.

All: We are called to abide in Christ.

One: People of God, as the love of God flows naturally through us,

All: we will bear much fruit, and our joy will be complete.

*Hymn 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: God of the vineyard, we are called to abide in Christ and bear fruit in Your creation. You came near to us in Jesus Christ, who teaches us to abide in Your love. Your word tells us when we abide in him and he in us, we will bear much fruit and be his disciples. Like withered branches separated from the vine, apart from You we can do nothing. Forgive us for living our lives apart from You, Source of love, grace, and joy. O Lord, abide in us!

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 "I Am the Vine" Allen Pote
Don Monteith, piano; Rachel Randall, flute

Prayer for Illumination Lisa Kroener

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

Scripture Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 & John 15:4-11 Lisa Kroener & Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon "I AM the Vine" Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn 836 *(please remain seated)* "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

The Prayers of God's People Lisa Kroener

Minute for Mission Mid-South Food Bank April Food Sort Scott Dawson, Outreach

Offering Lisa Kroener

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 "Air from Overture in D" J.S. Bach

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

***Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts** Usher

***Hymn 822** "When We Are Living" SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

***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 **DON MONTEITH** as pianist and **RACHEL RANDALL** on flute this morning.
- Sign up for the **APRIL FOOD SORT** at the MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK. This month's sort is at a special day and time: **Tuesday, April 16 at 9:30am**. Meet in the Balmoral parking lot at 9:30am to travel together, sort from 10am until noon, and then have lunch together.
- **LENTEN MINDFULNESS RETREAT** continues Tuesday, April 2, at 10:30am.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** meets Wednesday, April 3, 10:30am for Bible Study in the Fellowship area.
- **SPRING FORMATION CLASSES** begin at 9:30am next 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.
- **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** meets Monday, April 8, 6:30pm in classroom C.
- **BOOK CLUB** meets Tuesday, April 9, 1:30pm in the Office Conference room. The April book selection is *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating* by Elisabeth Tova Bailey.
- **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).

prayer concerns...

birthdays...

APRIL:

Susie Knight (3), Patsy Collins (10), Doreen Lutey (20)

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