

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

April 14, 2019

Passion Sunday

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

### \*Call to Worship

Scott Hill

One: Palms have been waved and left on the road. The crowds have dispersed.

**All: Jesus continues his journey to the cross.**

One: Disciples will depart from him. One will betray him. One will deny him.

**All: They did not believe in the Son of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

### \*Hymn 518

“Your Only Son”

LAMB OF GOD

## Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: Shepherd of our souls, we confess we would rather wave palm branches and sing loud songs than face the death of the Son of God on a cross. It is difficult for us to understand Your saving love. We barely comprehend the willingness of Jesus to lose his life to show us eternal life. Even now we confess our preference for focusing on the Easter celebration that lies ahead instead of the sacrifice that has been made for us. Forgive us. Help us to comprehend the wondrous love You have for 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**

"Followers of the Lamb"

arr. Philip R. Dietterich

**Prayer for Illumination**

Scott Hill

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

**Scripture**

Exodus 12:1-4a, 5-8 & John 1:29-34

Scott Hill & Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Sermon**

"The Lamb of God"

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

**Hymn 215** *(please remain seated)*

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDRIOUS LOVE

**The Prayers of God's People**

Scott Hill

**Choral Offering**

"I Believe"

Mark Miller

**Offering**

Scott Hill

Please place tithes, offerings, **One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes**, 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

**\*Hymn 218**

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**\*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 will receive the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** denominational offering this Sunday, April 14, 2019, in worship. Envelopes are in today's bulletin, and your gift helps our neighbors-in-need around the world.
- 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** concludes this coming Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30am.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**, "I AM in the Father," Thursday, April 18, 6:45-7:30pm in the sanctuary. Prepare your hearts for the joy of Easter Sunday as we contemplate who we are as the people of God and remember Jesus as he comes into his Kingdom.
- **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS for EASTER:** The church office will be CLOSED on Friday, April 19, and Monday, April 22.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** will be Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10:30am in the Fellowship area. Cathy Bailey will lead the discussion.
- **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).
- **MEMBERSHIP AT BPC:** Do you feel called to become a member of Balmoral Presbyterian Church? Our pastor, Rev. Carla Meisterman, would be pleased to talk with you about the ministries of this wonderful congregation and the ways you are called to be a part of these ministries. You may speak to her after worship, email her at [carlam@balmoralpc.com](mailto:carlam@balmoralpc.com), or call the church office during her office hours (10am-2pm, Monday through Thursday).

## prayer concerns...

## birthdays...

### APRIL:

Doreen Lutey (20)

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