

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

April 28, 2019

Fifty Days of Easter

11:00am

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

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

## Introit

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

## Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship<sup>‡</sup>

Frank Carney

One: The tomb is empty. Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved ran to see that Jesus was not there. They returned to their homes because they did not understand Jesus must rise from the dead.

**All: Jesus appeared to Mary in the garden. He spoke her name and told her, “I am ascending to my God and your God.”**

One: Jesus sent Mary to the disciples. She went announcing, “I have seen the Lord!”

**All: Jesus rose from the dead in quiet darkness.**

One: While the followers of Jesus felt defeat, while Jerusalem slept, the eternal power of the living God fulfilled these words that Jesus spoke, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

### \*Hymn 231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

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## Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: God of empty tombs—and emptier people—we struggle to believe what we cannot see. We choose to remain fortified in fear and doubt. Our intellect triumphs over the wisdom of our soul and the instincts of our spirit. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief.**

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

## Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Choral Response

“Alleluia”

ALLELUIA 7

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### \*Congregational Response Hymn 155 *(sing twice)* “Raise a Song of Gladness”

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.**

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

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

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**Announcements** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering** "Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb" Victor C. Johnson

**Prayer for Illumination** Frank Carney

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

**Scripture** Psalm 150 & John 20:19-31 Frank Carney & Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Sermon** Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

**Hymn 256** (*please remain seated*) "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real" KEDRON

*Choir will sing first verse. Congregation will join in on verses 2-4.*

**The Prayers of God's People** Frank Carney

**Offering** Frank Carney

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

**\*Hymn 254** "This Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**\*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.**

‡ Confession of Faith adapted from Thom M. Schuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*, "Easter 2-C," ([lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2016/03/liturgy-wcommunion-for-april-3-2016.html](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2016/03/liturgy-wcommunion-for-april-3-2016.html))

## announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** will be Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10:30am in the Fellowship area. Cathy Bailey will lead the discussion.
- **SESSION** meets May 5 after worship in classroom C.
- **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** meets 6:30pm Monday, May 13, in the church library.
- **BOOK CLUB** meets 1:30pm Tuesday, May 14, in the Office Conference Room. The May selection is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.
- **SIGN UP for the MAY FOOD SORT**, which will again be a daytime event on Tuesday, May 21. Meet at 9:30am in the BPC parking lot to travel to the Food Bank together, and plan on lunch together afterward.
- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the SOUP KITCHEN** at First Presbyterian after worship Sunday, May 26. Sign ups are in the Friendship pads.
- **DON'T FORGET the FOOD CART!** 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 women & men's new or clean, gently used clothes and new, unopened hygiene items (sample size & unopened hotel complimentary items ok) such as combs, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, etc.
- **REV. ANNE HAGLER** will be on vacation May 5 to May 15. We wish her a wonderful trip to Scotland!
- **NEW LENTEN ARTWORK:** If you didn't have a chance to look at the new art created for Lent entitled "**I AM**" at the back of the sanctuary, be sure to stop by this creation of artist Glenda Ellis and members and friends of BPC. A big thank you to Glenda for her inspired interpretation of our "I Am" statements.

## prayer concerns...

## birthdays...

**MAY:** Lee Waltz (5), Fran Shannon (6), Dee McGuire (7), Jessica Orians (12), Clinton Bailey (23), Casey Gurlen (26), Janet Smith (26), Tom Kernan (28), Shirley Vosburg (29), Phil Shannon (30), Noah Mercer (31)

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