

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

11:00am

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

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

## Choral Introit

“Jesus Give Us Strength”

Tony Alonzo

## Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

## Prelude

## Contemplation

Debie Thomas

So why did Jesus die? He died because he unflinchingly fulfilled the will of God. He died because he exposed the ungracious sham at the heart of all human kingdoms, holding up a mirror that shocked his contemporaries at the deepest levels of their imaginations. Even when he knew that his vocation would cost him his life, he set his face "like flint" towards Jerusalem.

## \*Call to Worship

Don Mitchell

One: People of God, our Lenten journey brings us to the road to Jerusalem where we encounter Jesus.

**ALL: We shout with the crowd, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

One: With palm branches and cloaks thrown on the ground, we lay our expectations and our skepticism before him.

**ALL: We shout with the crowd, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

One: He rides to his death.

**ALL: We shout with the crowd, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

## \*Hymn 196

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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## Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: God who came to earth, we stand with the crowds on the road to Jerusalem waving our palm branches and shouting Hosanna! Centuries have made little difference in human attitudes and expectations. We are still confused about who You are in our lives. We are still hesitant to submit ourselves to Your teaching. We are still resistant to follow You to the cross. Forgive us, Lord. Putting our way above Yours, we have taken advantage of Your grace. Lead us on the road to Jerusalem, to a place of surrender to Your love, to Your leading, to Your life within us.**

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

## Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## bpc mission statement

We will respond to our call to share bread with the hungry,  
befriend the marginalized,  
and engage our minds, talents and treasures  
toward building a community reflective of God’s Kingdom.



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carolyn kelley  
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## \*Share the Peace of Christ

Don Mitchell

## \*Congregational Chorus 753 v. 1 "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow 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.

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Where there is injury Your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

## Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Musical Offering

"Day to Sing Hosanna "

Pepper Choplin

## Prayer for Illumination

Don Mitchell

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

**Scripture** Deuteronomy 5:27-33, Matthew 22:37-39, Philippians 2:5-8 Rev. Meisterman

**Sermon** The Discipline of Submission Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

**Hymn 214** please remain seated "You Are My Refuge, Faithful God" MORNING SONG

Don Mitchell

## The Prayers of God's People

**A Time for Offerings** Don Mitchell

Please place One Great hour of sharing envelopes, tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund to help with rebuilding after the 2017 fires and hurricanes. 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 223** "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

\***Charge and 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.
- The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be gathered today. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.
- Our **MAUNDY THURSDAY** service will be Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 6:45pm. This year we are fortunate to have **Storyteller, Dr. Phyllis Blackstone**, from Maine. Storytelling is her preferred teaching tool and she shares stories with a variety of audiences from classrooms, churches and senior centers. Plan to be with us on Maundy Thursday to share communion and to hear Phyllis share a story that will be good for our hearts and souls!
- **EASTER SUNDAY** is Sunday, April 1, 2018. There will be no Sunday Studies on Easter Sunday. This is the highlight of the Christian year, so invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and worship with us! Remember bring your canned goods for First Sunday Food Cart on Easter Sunday.
- The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2018 and Easter Monday, April 2, 2018. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- New **ADULT SUNDAY STUDIES** begin next Sunday at 9:30am. In classroom a: "When Spiritual But Not Religious Is Not Enough" by Rev. Lillian Daniel facilitated by Becky DeLoach and Cheryl Webb-Oliver. In classroom b: "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton facilitated by Scott Hill and Rev. Stanley Gates.
- Mark your calendar for the **FOOD SORT** for the Mid-South Food Bank in April on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Our sorting group meets in the parking lot of the church at 5:30pm and had dinner together after the sort. You will be able to Sign Up beginning Sunday, March 25, 2018.
- Save Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 12:15pm on your calendar for our **FIVE WISHES** presentation. Stay in the sanctuary after worship for an important program which helps you learn how to start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness and transitions.
- Save the date for **MARTHA & MARY: THE MUSICAL**, Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 5:00pm in the BPC sanctuary. Potluck in fellowship hall afterward.
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** John Gilmer (27)