

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

11:00am

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

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

**Brass Introit** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" GELOBT SEI GOTT

**Chiming the Hour** Bells of Balmoral

**Prelude** "Alleluia! Rejoice and Sing" arr. Anna Laura Page

**\*Call to Worship** Tom Schneider

One: Rejoice, people of God! God has turned our mourning into dancing!

**All: God has entered our darkness, bringing life out of death!**

One: Rejoice, people of God! Let your whole being sing praise and not be silent!

**All: We see what love has done! Let us sing to the heavens! Let us celebrate with joy!**

One: Let every voice proclaim,

**All: "Christ has risen! Alleluia!"**

**\*Hymn 232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

**Confession** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: God of love, You are the light of the world. In You there is no darkness. Illuminate our lives this day. Shine Your love into every dark place within us. Your son endured the prejudice of this world. He faced the shadows in the human soul and kept his faith and his focus on Your will. Teach us, Lord, to trust in You as Christ trusted in You. Strengthen us in faith that we may grow in the image and likeness of Christ and fulfill our calling in this world.**

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

**Assurance** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**\*Share the Peace of Christ** Tom Schneider

**\*Congregational Chorus 248** (v. 2) "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.**

**Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.**

**Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Announcements** Rev. Carla Meisterman

**Musical Offering** "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. John Ferguson

## 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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pianist  
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carolyn kelley  
child care attendants

## Prayer for Illumination

Tom Schneider

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

## Scriptures

Isaiah 25:6-9 & Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

## \*Hymn 239

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

GELOBT SEI GOTT

## The Prayers of God’s People

Tom Schneider

## A Time for Offerings

Tom Schneider

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 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

“An Easter Carillon”

arr. Margaret Tucker

## \*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

## \*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

## Communion

Rev. Carla Meisterman, Dick Vosburg, Jessica Orians, Scott Hill,  
Susie Knight, Nancy Fulfer, Jim Stockdale, Mary Schmitz

All are welcome to receive communion by intinction. Please exit your row to your right. Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and place the bread in your mouth. Return to your seat by entering your row from the left-hand side.

## \*Hymn 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

## \*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.**

## \*Choral Offering

“Hallelujah Chorus”

arr. Hal Hopson

## Postlude

“Rondeau”

Mouret

# announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- We welcome our brass instrumentalists today who lead us in celebratory worship on Easter Sunday! Our gratitude to Jordan Ashby, trumpet; Brandon Doggett, trumpet; and Phil Hughes, euphonium.
- The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2, 2018. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- Women are invited to come to the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** led by Rev. Anne Hagler. PW will meet on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 10:30am in the office conference room.
- 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 & Cheryl Webb-Oliver. In classroom b: *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton, facilitated by Scott Hill & Rev. Stanley Gates.
- Our **WORSHIP** service next week, April 8, 2018, will honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **BOOK CLUB** will meet at 1:30pm, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the office conference room. The book is *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton.
- Everyone is invited to two events this month at **IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (1750 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38104). At noon, April 4, 2018, there will be a carillon concert in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. You may park your car and listen in their parking lot or go into their garth. At 4:00pm on Sunday, April 15, 2018, Dr. Ernest Gibson of Rhodes College will offer a dramatic reading of the “Letter from Birmingham Jail.” The reading will be followed by remarks from Dr. Gibson and a discussion.
- Mark your calendar for the **FOOD SORT** for the Mid-South Food Bank on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Meet in the parking lot of the church at 5:30pm and have dinner together after the sort.
- Save Sunday, April 22, 2018, after worship for our **FIVE WISHES** presentation. Stay in the sanctuary after worship for an important conversation about care in times of serious illness and transitions. Russell Belisle from Methodist Health will guide us in how to have the conversations. There will be light snacks available.
- Save Sunday, April 29, 2018, for **MARY AND MARTHA: THE MUSICAL** at 5:00pm at BPC with a potluck to follow.
- **NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

our worship has ended...our service begins...