

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00am

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

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

**Choral Introit**

“Welcome”

Mark Miller

**Chiming the Hour**

Bells of Balmoral

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

Bob Kaiser

One: We have a call: to be loved and to love,

**All: to be shown mercy and to show mercy,**

One: to be forgiven and to forgive,

**All: to receive hope and to offer hope,**

One: to know joy and share joy,

**All: to feel peace and bring peace,**

One: to be made whole and offer wholeness.

**All: We have a call.**

One: Listen...listen...do you hear?

**\*Hymn 234**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

**Confession<sup>†</sup>**

Rev. Anne Hagler

**All: O Forgiving God, hear our fervent prayers today. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt. Forgive our hidden past, the secret shames, as we consistently forgive what others hide. Lighten our load of secret debts as we relieve others of their need to repay. Erase the inner marks our failures make just as we scrub our hearts of others' faults. Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to others. We ask these things in the name of Jesus and for his sake.**

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

**Assurance**

Rev. Anne Hagler

**\*Share the Peace of Christ**

Bob Kaiser

**\*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.**

## 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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parish associate  
john gilmer  
music director  
leiza collins  
pianist  
lynn ward  
bell choir  
mary hattie mc alister &  
carolynne kelley  
child care attendants

## Announcements

Rev. Anne Hagler

## Musical Offering

“I Will Rise”  
Tom Schneider, guitar

arr. Mary McDonald

## Prayer for Illumination

Bob Kaiser

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

## Scripture

Acts 3:12-19 & Luke 24:36b-48

Rev. Anne Hagler

## Sermon

Rev. Anne Hagler

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

**Hymn 466** (please remain seated; sing 3x) “Come and Fill Our Hearts” CONFITEMINI DOMINO

## The Prayers of God’s People

Bob Kaiser

## A Time for Offerings

Bob Kaiser

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

### \*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

### \*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

### \*Hymn 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### \*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Anne Hagler

### \*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 adapted from Aramaic translations of “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors” taken from: Douglas-Klotz, Neil, *Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus*, HarperOne, 2009.

## announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- Join us for **ADULT SUNDAY STUDIES** at 9:30am. In classroom a: *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton, facilitated by Scott Hill and Rev. Stanley Gates. In classroom b: *When “Spiritual But Not Religious” Is Not Enough* by Rev. Lillian Daniel, facilitated by Becky DeLoach and Cheryl Webb-Oliver.
- Everyone is invited to **IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (1750 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38104) today at 4:00pm to hear Dr. Ernest Gibson of Rhodes College offer a dramatic reading of “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The reading will be followed by remarks from Dr. Gibson and discussion with other attendees about the meaning of King's words for us today. This event is free and open to the public.
- Sign up for the **FOOD SORT** for the Mid-South Food Bank on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Our sorting group meets in the parking lot of the church at 5:30pm and has dinner together after the sort.
- Next Sunday, April 22, 2018, is our **FIVE WISHES** presentation. Stay in the sanctuary after worship for an informative and important program which helps you learn how to start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness and transitions. Russell Belisle with Methodist Health will guide us in how to have the discussions. Light snacks will be available.
- Plan to attend the **CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION** at 10:00am, Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the Stephen Olford Center on Ridgeway Road. Registration forms are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you stay for lunch, the cost is \$20.00. The conference is free. Place the registration form (and your check made out to Presbyterian Women) in the offering plate.
- Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet for our **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**, September 15 and 16, 2018. Make sure we have addresses for people you want to see!
- Save Sunday, April 29, 2018 for **MARY AND MARTHA: THE MUSICAL** at 5:00pm at BPC with a potluck to follow.
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Doreen Lutey (20)

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