

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

April 29, 2018

Fifth 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

Jan Kaplan

One: Jesus calls us to come to him, for he will give us rest.

All: We are distracted by many things. We are pulled in many directions.

One: Fix your attention on Jesus, and he will keep you in perfect peace.

All: We live with worry. We feel unworthy, and we dwell in fear.

One: Jesus says, “Do not worry about your life. God did not give you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.”

All: We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

One: People of God, abide in Christ and know the joy of the Lord!

*Hymn 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Lord, it is not easy to keep our anxieties and our fears at bay. Our lives are stirred with stress. We anticipate what lies ahead and attempt to control the outcome to keep our minds at peace. We feel overwhelmed, so we give up or give in. Help us, Lord. We choose to let our responsibilities drive us. We neglect Your call to abide in You and allow You to abide in us. Forgive us.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Jan Kaplan

*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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pianist
lynn ward
bell choir
mary hattie mc alister &
carolyn kelley
child care attendants

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“Gotta Get Ready”

Fran Addicott

Prayer for Illumination

Jan Kaplan

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

Scripture

Psalms 63:1-4 and Luke 10:38-41

Jan Kaplan & Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn 824 (please remain seated)

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

MC AFEE

The Prayers of God’s People

Jan Kaplan

A Time for Offerings

Jan Kaplan

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 835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CLOSER WALK

*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.
- This afternoon is **MARY AND MARTHA: THE MUSICAL** at 5:00pm with a potluck to follow. Fran Addicott has written this musical, and our choir will be performing it in a Readers Theater style. Bring a dish to serve 12 people. Meat and drinks will be provided.
- Get ready for **VOTING HOSPITALITY** on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, when our neighbors come to vote in the Shelby County Primary Election. **SIGN UP** today to serve as a greeter during the election hours of 7am to 7pm. Please bring a light snack to serve our guests. You can drop it off on Monday, April 30, 2018, between 10am and 2pm in the church office. It can also be left in the kitchen, clearly labeled “Snacks for VOTING.” Let’s continue our tradition of being the friendliest place to vote in Shelby County.
- Next Sunday, May 7, 2018, is the **BPC HEALTH FAIR** in the narthex immediately after worship. A variety of health care providers will be here to consult on everything from arthritis to senior services and much more!
- Mark your calendar for **PENTECOST**, Sunday, May 20, 2018, from 4pm to 6:30pm at the Rhodes College Bryan Life Center. Come worship with your Presbyterian family as the Presbytery of the Mid-South gathers.
- You should have received a postcard about saving the date for our **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**, September 15 and 16. Please be sure to RSVP to tell us how many in your family will be attending: by phone, by email, or by filling out the **SIGN-UP** sheet in the friendship pad.
- **NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

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