

# balmoral presbyterian church

## service of worship

April 8, 2018

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

“We Shall Overcome”

arr. Tom Trenney

### \*Call to Worship<sup>‡</sup>

Rev. Lisa Kroener

One: The Lord calls us, Church. Hear the cry of the oppressed!

**All: How long, O Lord, will your servants be found resting in the comforts of the status quo!**

One: People of God, do not be afraid! Cry out for Justice! Serve with intention! Show Mercy!

**All: Open our lips that we might advocate for the voiceless. Stir our idle hands that we might help the hurting. Inspire us to love and serve in Your name!**

One: The Lord calls us, Church. Hear the cry of the oppressed!

**All: Speak, Lord, for Your servants listen!**

### \*Hymn 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

### Confession<sup>‡‡</sup>

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: Lord of Mercy and Grace, we confess that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice distorts your divine plan for our human lives. You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful, but we fail to recognize Your image in all. You created us in divine freedom, to be free, but we fail to choose to advocate for Your justice for all. You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share, but we fail to create that community which includes all. Forgive us. Teach us to have the mind of Christ, loving as You love.**

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

### Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

Rev. Lisa Kroener

### \*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 &  
carolyn kelley  
child care attendants

## Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### Musical Offering

“Dream On, Dream On”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

### Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Lisa Kroener

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

### Scripture

Amos 5:6, 21-14 and Galatians 3:15-29

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

### Hymn 834 (please remain seated)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

### The Prayers of God’s People

Rev. Lisa Kroener

### A Time for Offerings

Rev. Lisa Kroener

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 339

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

#### \*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,  
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‡ Call to Worship adapted from The Rev. Nathan Decker, “A Call to Justice and Mercy: A 21st Century Liturgy Resource for Human Relations Sunday” (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-call-to-justice-and-mercy>)

‡‡ Confession adapted from “Lent—Prayer of Confession: Racial Justice Sunday,” United Church of Christ ([http://www.ucc.org/worship\\_worship-ways\\_year-c\\_le\\_lent-prayer-of-confession](http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways_year-c_le_lent-prayer-of-confession))

## announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the office conference room.
- New **ADULT SUNDAY STUDIES** began today 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.
- Everyone is invited to **IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (1750 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38104) on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 4:00pm to hear Dr. Ernest Gibson of Rhodes College offer a dramatic reading of the “Letter from Birmingham Jail.” 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 this month’s **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.
- Save Sunday, April 22, 2018, for 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 on 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.
- Save Sunday, April 29, 2018, for **MARY AND MARTHA: THE MUSICAL** at 5:00pm at BPC 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.
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Patsy Collins (10)

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