

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

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[‡]

Lynn Ward

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: Come, move in and through us!

One: We once whispered of hope. Now we can shout the joy of the incarnation!

All: You are in and around us in every place:

One: in every breath, in every song, in every prayer, in every tongue.

All: Come! Dance! Enflame! Engulf! Transform us, Spirit of the Living God!

*Hymn 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

Confession[‡]

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Your Spirit moved over the waters of creation, God of Mystery, creating something new. We prefer to wade in puddles of predictability. You breathe life into us at every moment. Wanting our own way, we hold our breath until we turn blue. You give us words to bring hope to those in despair, heal those who are broken, and speak peace to people when anger and violence have crushed their spirits. We use our words for our own purposes and turn them into accusations toward those around us. Forgive us. Move over us and speak Your new creation in our thinking, our serving, and our loving.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Lynn Ward

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

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“Song of Pentecost”

Joel Rainey

Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Ward

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

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14 & Romans 8:22-27 Rev. Carla Meisterman & Lynn Ward

Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn 287 (please remain seated) “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA
Choir will sing the first verse. Congregation will join in on remaining verses.

Installation of Elders

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Cathy Bailey, Ordained, and Don Lamb, Installed

The Prayers of God’s People

Rev. Carla Meisterman

A Time for Offerings

Lynn Ward

Please place tithes, offerings, Pentecost Offering envelopes, 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 289** “On Pentecost They Gathered” MUNICH

***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.**

‡ Call to Worship & Confession adapted from Schuman, Thom M., *Lectionary Liturgies*, “Liturgy w/communion for May 20, 2018 (Pentecost-B).”

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

announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- You will find an envelope for the **PENTECOST OFFERING** in your bulletin today. Please make a generous donation to the PC(USA) efforts for children at risk, youth, and young adults! 40% of the offering remains with BPC.
- Today we ordain and install two new **ELDERS** in the **Class of 2021**. Cathy Bailey is being ordained. Don Lamb is being installed. Frank Carney will be installed at a later date.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the **BealeCanto** concert on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 7:00pm in the BPC Sanctuary. South America, Greece, Africa and China are just a few of the destinations that will be musically explored in this internationally-themed program. Come and enjoy a wonderful Friday night of great singing!
- Mark your calendar for our **BPC SUMMER SATURDAY RETREAT** on Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 10am to noon. Rev. Anne Hagler will lead us in our continued exploration of various ways of practicing prayer. Come join us for this opportunity to grow spiritually! Start your summer with spirit!
- Rev. Carla Meisterman will be on one month of **RESPITE** leave combined with vacation days and be away from the church from Tuesday, May 22, 2018, through Saturday, June 30, 2018. She will return to the pulpit on Sunday, July 1, 2018.
- The **REV. ANNE HAGLER** will fill the pulpit on May 27, 2018, and all the Sundays in June of 2018. Anne will also serve the congregation as On-Call Pastor while Carla is away. To reach Anne, call **901-628-2104**.
- Next Sunday begins our **SABBATH SUMMER SUNDAYS**. There will be no Sunday Studies through September 2. Worship will be at 11:00am, as usual, through the summer.
- **BIRTHDAYS** in **May**: Clinton Bailey (23), Casey Gurlen (26), Janet Smith (26), Tom Kernan (28), Shirley Vosburg (29), Phil Shannon (30); and in **June**: Jack Orians (6)
- Sign up 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.