

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

May 6, 2018

Sixth 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[‡]

Do Kaiser

One: We gather with the faithful in this place of worship

All: to lay down our fears and boldly sing God’s praise.

One: We are the vines in the vineyard of our Lord,

All: sisters and brothers drawing nourishment from the Word.

One: We are called to bear the fruit of our relationship with the risen Christ!

All: We are called to the table for the Feast of Heaven that we may be filled with love to go out to serve the Lord!

*Hymn 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Lord of all creation, You call us to abide in You. You teach us that You are the vine, and we are Your branches. We do not understand the power in this subsistence. We do not recognize the Spirit’s pulse within us. We neglect to nourish Your growth in us. Forgive us, Lord! Help us to comprehend Your life deep within us and embody what it means to be Your friend.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Do 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.

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

New Member Reception

Leiza Collins

Scott Hill, Clerk of Session, and Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Musical Offering

“Sing a New Song”

Schütz, arr. C. Jennings

Prayer for Illumination

Do Kaiser

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

Scripture

Psalms 98 and John 15:9-17

Do Kaiser & Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn 703 (please remain seated)

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

The Prayers of God’s People

Do Kaiser

A Time for Offerings

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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. Place Food Cart items in the cart after worship.

Offertory

*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

Communion

Ruling Elders & Rev. Carla Meisterman

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 536

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

SURGE ECCLESIA

*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 adapted from Schuman, Thom M., “Lectionary Liturgies,” Easter 5B, 2015. (www.textweek.com)

announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Mimi Pouomegne Takoundjou** who, while working full time and raising two children on her own (her husband lives in Africa), has completed her degree at the University of Memphis! We are celebrating her accomplishment after worship with a graduation cake in the narthex. Enjoy a piece of cake and congratulate Mimi!
- **TODAY** 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! Pick up your wellness sheet as you exit the sanctuary and make the rounds for better health!
- **BOOK CLUB** meets Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 1:30pm in the office conference room. Kathrine Getske will lead the discussion of *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.
- **SIGN UP** for the **FOOD SORT** at the Mid-South Food Bank on Thursday, May 17, 2018! Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30pm, and have dinner together after the sort.
- Mark your calendar for **PENTECOST**, Sunday, May 20, 2018, from 4pm to 6:30pm at the Rhodes College Bryan Life Center. The Balmoral Presbyterian Church choir will join with members of choirs from other churches in our Presbytery. Our own Music Director, John Gilmer, will direct the mass choir. After the worship service there will be a brief reception, then we will work together to pack 10,000 meals to feed the poor and hungry in our world. **SIGN UP** today or next Sunday to attend!
- **SABBATH SUMMER WORSHIP** begins on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Worship is at 11:00am and there are no Sunday Studies in the summer. We will resume Sunday Studies on September 9, 2018.
- 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.
- **BIRTHDAYS in MAY:** Lee Waltz (5), Fran Shannon (6), Jessica Orians (12), Clinton Bailey (23), Casey Gurlen (26), Janet Smith (26), Tom Kernan (28), Shirley Vosburg (29), Phil Shannon (30)

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