

balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

August 26, 2018

Summer Series: Try to Remember

11:00am

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

please turn your cell phones to silent

Introit *(on insert)*

“I Cannot Come”

Medical Mission Sisters

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Martin/Gabriel

Emily Collins, soloist

***Call to Worship¹**

Glenda Ellis

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Dismantle the doubt that shrouds our faith.

All: Bring to our remembrance the wondrous things God has accomplished among us.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Sing a song of hope to the weary. Ignite our witness with tongues of fire

All: Resurrect in us the power of life in Christ and the purposes of the Living God.

One: Come, Spirit of the Living God! Refresh us in Your presence. Renew us in Your power!

***Hymn 303**

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

CHURCH UNITED

Confession²

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Spirit of the Living God, with humility we confess the truth of our lives. We remain unresponsive to Your presence for we are afraid. When You speak, we turn deaf ears for we are reticent to say “yes” to Your call. When You touch our lips, we close our mouths for we are embarrassed to speak the things of God. When the wind of Your Spirit blows, we close our hearts for we are afraid the gust will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of Your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame for we fear the new life that Your refining fire will bring. Forgive us.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Carla Meisterman

***Congregational Chorus³**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator We are family, Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;

With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

birthdays...

AUGUST: Barry Dotson (26)

FIRST TWO WEEKS of SEPTEMBER: Lynn Ward (4), Karen Pilkington (7), Cathy Hall (8), Chip Ordman (10)

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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Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“We Shall Behold Him”

Dottie Rambo

Emily Collins, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Scripture Psalm 92:1-2, 12-14 & Colossians 3:12-17 Rev. Carla Meisterman & Glenda Ellis

Sermon “Try to Remember: Where the Spirit Takes Flight” Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn (*on insert, please remain seated*) “God Gives His People Strength” Medical Mission Sisters

The Prayers of God’s People

Glenda Ellis

A Time for Offerings

Glenda Ellis

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. 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 280** “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” EBENEZER

***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.**

¹Call to Worship adapted from Townley, Nancy C., “Worship Connection: Pentecost 2016,” Ministry Matters™, (www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3845/worship-connection-pentecost-2016).

²Confession adapted from Palsma, Nolan & Phyllis Palsma, “On the Day of Pentecost: A Service Celebrating the Holy Spirit’s Power,” *Reformed Worship*, ©2018, Worship Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. (www.reformedworship.org/article/march-1996/day-pentecost-service-celebrating-holy-spirits-power)

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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.
- The flower in worship is in celebration of the birth of **Phoebe Jean Pilkington**, daughter of Alex Pilkington and Cheri Carr, born July 5 in New York City. It is presented by her sister Penelope Ruth and her grandparents Karen & Don Pilkington and Velita Carr.
- We welcome **Emily Collins**, daughter of pianist Leiza Collins, as our guest soloist. We thank her for sharing her music with us in worship this morning!
- The first **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** for the Fall will begin on Wednesday, September 5, at 10:30am in the Office Conference Room. The study will use the book **God’s Promise: I Am with You** and will be led by the Rev. Anne Hagler. This first meeting will begin with “Lesson One: God with Us Wherever We Are.” For more information about the book, contact Susie Knight.
- We will host a **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RECEPTION after worship** on Sunday, Sept. 16, in the library. We are asking members to bring simple finger foods—cheese & crackers, fruit trays, veggie trays, finger sandwiches, cookies, etc. Please leave food (**plated & ready to serve**) in the kitchen on the way to worship. Please indicate what you plan to bring on the **sign-up sheets** in the Friendship pads.
- **FOOD CART** items are still needed! The Food Pantry is serving more people than usual, and our donations are greatly appreciated.
- The **CLOTHING AND SHOE DRIVE** for the Johnson Auxiliary is still in progress. Bring new or gently used (and cleaned) clothing items for the baskets next to the food cart. See the newsletter for needed items, or contact Beverly Hooker for more information.
- Rev. Carla Meisterman will be on vacation Thursday, August 30, through Monday, September 3. The Rev. Anne Hagler will be on call. You can reach Anne at 901-628-2104.
- The Office will be **CLOSED** on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2018.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES** will return at 9:30am-10:30am beginning Sunday, September 9, 2018, and running through Sunday, November 25, 2018. The adult classes will be:
—**Mudhouse Sabbath** by Rev. Dr. Lauren F. Winner
Classroom A, facilitators: Frank Carney, Beverly Hooker, and Jan Kaplan (BPC)
—**Barking to the Choir** by Father Gregory Boyle
Classroom B, facilitators: Cliff Gurlen (BPC) & Sherry Wilkins (CoF)
Everyone is encouraged to obtain their own copy of the books for the adult Sunday Study classes. For details on ordering see the newsletter. If you need assistance with obtaining a book, please contact Rev. Meisterman.
- **Child Care** is available from 9:30am-10:30am in the Children's area.
- **Youth** meet from 9:30am-10:30am in the Youth Room.
- The **BOOK CLUB** will meet at 10:30am on Tuesday, September 11, in the Office Conference Room.
- Please see the newsletter for dates that **SMALL GROUPS** will be starting this fall.