

balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

September 9, 2018

11:00am

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

please turn your cell phones to silent

Introit *(on insert)*

“Do You Know?”

Sebastian Temple

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

***Call to Worship¹**

Lorie Blackwelder

One: Get ready, people of God! A season of celebration is at hand!

All: The work of our Creator is visible. Let us respond with praise!

One: Let us worship the God who has guided us for fifty years in the ministry and the mission of this church.

All: Treasuring the past, we will boldly shape our future.

One: Come, followers of the way of Christ, enter the sacredness of this day!

***Hymn 305**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

Confession²

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, exhibiting the kingdom of heaven to a worried world. We acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, more indifferent than involved, more callous than compassionate. Have mercy upon us. Awaken our hearts to the present gift of Your indwelling Spirit, and reveal the power You impart when we choose to celebrate Your presence.

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...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Chip Ordman (10), Lisa Koffman (16), Mitchell Lucas (19)

in memory of...



Karen Lee Jones

February 2, 1948 - August 30, 2018

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Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“Come Build a Church”

Ken Medema

Prayer for Illumination

Lorie Blackwelder

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

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and I Corinthians 3:6-9

Lorie Blackwelder
& Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

“A Season for Celebration”

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

Lorie Blackwelder

A Time for Offerings

Lorie Blackwelder

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 309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

*Charge & 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 Falla, Terry C. (ed.), *Be Our Freedom, Lord*, as found in “Contemporary Calls to Worship,” thirdmill.org/files/english/html/worship/calls.contemp.html.

²Confession adapted from City Church Denver, *Service of Worship*, October 2, 2011. (www.citychurchdenver.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/Ecclesiastes.pdf)

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announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
 - We will host a **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RECEPTION after worship** next 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.
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES** began today at 9:30am-10:30am and will run through Sunday, November 25, 2018. There will be no Sunday Studies next week. The adult classes are:
 - 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. The book for September is ***The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For*** by David McCullough. Bob Kaiser will be the discussion leader.
 - **SIGN UP** for the **FOOD SORT** at the Mid-South Food Bank on Thursday, September 20. Meet in the church parking lot, and plan to have dinner together after the sort.
 - All **SMALL GROUPS** will be starting for fall in the next two weeks. If you are not in a group (or want to add another one), all are welcome! Please see the newsletter for dates for each group.

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