



balmoral presbyterian church



April 27, 2025

service of worship

2nd Sunday of Easter

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Easter Declaration

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

William Moore

Linda Warren, pianist

arr. Kenon D. Renfrow

***Call to Worship**

Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist

Leader: Our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice; our bodies dwell secure.

People: **You show us the path of life, in your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: **Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

***Gathering Song 251 (vss 1, 2, and 5)** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Prayer of Confession

Just and faithful God, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. We know your love alone lights up the night, and yet we are caught in the glare of distractions; we fail to listen to those who saw Jesus and believed; we do not live together in unity and love for one another. Forgive and cleanse us; keep your word in us for the sake of Jesus

(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be,

World without end. Amen. Amen

Share the Peace of Christ

Musical Offering

"Christ is Risen!"

Allen Pote

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 118:14-29 (*responsively*)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my defense;
God has become my salvation.

**People: Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!**

Leader: The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

**People: I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Leader: The Lord has chastened me severely,
but God has not given me over to death.

**People: Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.

**People: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

**People: the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

**People: Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!**

Leader: T Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**People: The Lord is God,
and God has made God's light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's love endures forever.**

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 5:27-32

Sermon

Being Witnesses

Silent Reflection

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Song of the Day 254** “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Moment for Mission

Earth Care Team

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings 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. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Linda Warren, pianist

Conrad Kocher
arr. Randall Hartsell

*Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

*Sending Song 749

"Come! Live In The Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

Charge and Blessing

*Benediction Response

"Lord Let Us Leave Now"

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

Postlude

"Land of Rest"

Linda Warren, pianist

American Folk Tune
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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OUR MISSION:

***We are an open community who believes God is love and
who lives our belief through praise and service.***

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sean Orians (27); Ben Legett (28)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Fran and Pete Addicott (28); Scott and Janice Hill (30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Balmoral choir, directed by Ben Legett & guest director Fran Addicott, Linda Warren, pianist, and Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist.
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for APRIL:** turn the water off while brushing your teeth.
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for May:** turn off dishwasher after wash cycle and let air dry
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **CELEBRATE SPRING** with an Earth Day display in the Narthex Sunday, April 27. The Earth Care Team will provide tips on recycling and sustaining resources at home and at Balmoral, as we strive to become better stewards of God's creation in 2025.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Balmoral's Community Picnic will be Sunday, May 4th after worship. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Sign up for sides will begin on April 27.
- **FAIR TRADE COFFEE:** The Fellowship Team is taking orders for Don Justo Coffee. Please have your orders in to Paul Below by Sunday, May 4. Order forms are found on the fellowship table in the narthex. For more information, contact Paul Below.
- **COFFEE-TIME SNACKS:** Don't forget to sign up for coffee-time snacks!
- **SEE WHAT PASTOR IS READING-** If you would like to receive emails containing articles and other informational items which Pastor Mark finds thought provoking, please send a request to be added to the email group by sending an email to pastormark@balmoralpc.com.
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Food Pantry needs staples from our Food Cart!
 - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
 - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling.

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: *(see the BPC website for more information!)***
 - **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
 - **CHAIR YOGA** meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** every Wednesday, 7:00pm in the Choir room
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, April 21, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **SPRING ADULT STUDIES**, Sunday, April 27, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP** Sunday, April 27, 11:00am
 - **SANDWICH MAKING PROJECT**, April 27, after worship in Classroom A
 - **SESSION MEETING**, April 27, 12:30pm, in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday May 1, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP of JAZZ**, Friday, May 2, 6:30pm at Liberation Community Church
 - **SPRING ADULT STUDIES**, Sunday, May 4, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP & COMMUNION**, Sunday, May 4, 11:00am
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, May 4, 12:15pm in Classroom A
 - **COMMUNITY PICNIC with COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Sunday, May 4, after worship at BPC
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, May 5, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Monday, May 5, 2:00pm in Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, May 7, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **SPRING ADULT STUDIES**, Sunday, May 11, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, May 11, 11:00am

PLEASE REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!