



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Easter Declaration

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Alleluia!

People: **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

Prelude

"Butterfly"

Edvard Grieg

Noel Wilkins

*Call to Worship

Payden Cannaday, Liturgist

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord our God,

People: **That we might discern the will of our Maker.**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord our God,

People: **That we might recall the bondage from which the Lord delivered the people of Israel.**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord our God,

People: **That we recall the bondage from which the Lord delivers the people of God.**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord our God,

People: **That we might do the will of our Maker.**

*Gathering Song 401

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ.

(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 shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Song of Peace "Let There Be Peace on Earth" LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH
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, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Musical Offering "Be Present at Our Table, Lord" Robert Lau

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 Proverbs 4:10-18

Gospel Reading John 14:1-14

Sermon "Trust and Understanding" Rev. Mark Howland

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith - The PCUSA (11.1, 11.5, 11.6)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Coins for a Cause 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

“Farther Along, I'll Fly Away”

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God... we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: All holy God... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

*(As we pray aloud together, we use the ecumenical version printed here.
You are invited to pray your preferred version.)*

Communion of God's People

We participate in Holy Communion by intinction. At the usher's invitation, please come forward down the center aisle, form a semi-circle in front of the pastor and ruling elder. The ruling elder will offer you the bread, take a piece and hold it. Pastor will then come to you with the chalice of grape juice, dip the bread in the chalice and eat the bread. When all in your group have received the elements, join hands and remain at the table together for silent prayer. Return to your seats via the outer aisles when the prayer has ended.

Prayer after Communion

Sending Song 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

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

"Trust and Obey, No One Understands Like Jesus"

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS!

- Permission to stream the music and print words and music in this worship service are obtained from ONE LICENSE A-732788 and CCLI License 1725833.
- All responsive readings are shown with normal type for the leader and the bold portions are read in unison by all.
- indicates those who are able, please stand

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Fran Shannon (6); Dee McGuire (7); Jessica Orians (12); Clinton Bailey (23);
Casey Gurlen (26); Phil Shannon (30)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

John and Robin Van Nortwick (20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the BPC Choir, directed by Ken Croft, Noel Wilkins, pianist, and Payden Cannaday, Liturgist.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** If you would like a copy of the songs we are singing in worship today in large print, there are copies available on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for MAY:** Use heavy curtains to help block out sunlight to conserve energy and save on cooling costs for the upcoming summer.
- **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.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES:** We are currently exploring the book, "Listening For God". Class participants will lead the discussions each week. Come join us in this spiritual journey together.
- **JOIN PASTOR MARK FOR AN IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY** on the Book of Revelation. Our next class will be May 11 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet every other Monday evening as we explore the meaning, message, and hope found in this powerful and often misunderstood book of Scripture. Whether you are new to Revelation or have studied it before, this study will offer meaningful discussion, historical context, and practical insights for living faithfully today. All are welcome—come grow in faith and understanding together!
- **PASTOR VACATION:** Pastor Mark will be on vacation following worship on May 3 and through May 9. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is on vacation, contact Pastor Elizabeth at 314-330-0506. For all other needs, contact Clerk of Session Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.

- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's 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

CALENDAR

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: (NOTE: ** indicates Presbytery event; ## indicates a community event; @@ indicates Private event)**
 - **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 B
 - **## AL-ANON** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in Classroom A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING, Sunday, May 3**, 12:00pm in Classroom A
 - **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, May 4**, 1:00 in Classroom A
 - **## VOTING POLL, Tuesday, May 5**, 7:00-7:00pm in the Narthex and Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, May 6**, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, May 7**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, May 10**, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, May 10**, 11:00am
 - **LUNCH WITH MARK, Sunday, May 10**, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK, Monday, May 11**, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - **BOOK CLUB, Tuesday, May 12**, 1:30pm in Classroom B
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING, Wednesday, May 13**, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY, Friday, Friday, May 15**, 5:00pm at Amerigo Italian Restaurant
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, May 17**, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, May 17**, 11:00am
 - **SESSION MEETING, Sunday, May 17**, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, May 18**, 1:00 in Classroom A
 - **OUTREACH, Monday, May 18**, 5:00pm in Classroom A
 - **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK, Monday, May 18**, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, May 21**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, May 24**, 11:00am
 - **SANDWICH MAKING MINISTRY, May 24**, 12:00pm in Classroom A

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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