



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship



May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

11:00am

Introit

"Morning Has Broken"

Gaelic Melody

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Prelude

"I Come With Joy"

American Folk Hymn *Land of Rest*; setting by John Carter

Call to Worship

One: The Lord, Jesus Christ, appears when we least expect it.

ALL: Christ has risen! He walks the road with us!


One: The Lord Jesus Christ appears to the faithful when they least expect it.

ALL: Christ has risen! Christ is revelation. Let us open our eyes and our hearts that we may see and celebrate the presence of the Lord!


Hymn 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Confession

ALL: Christ who comes to us, we do not watch for you. We are distracted with our memories and our longings. We occupy ourselves with personal interests. We neglect practices which steady our spirits and soothe our souls. Forgive us. Open our hearts to desire Your presence. Open our ears to hear You speak. Open our eyes to behold Your existence. Help us receive Your wisdom and grace. Resurrect love and faith within us.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Congregational Chorus 286

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

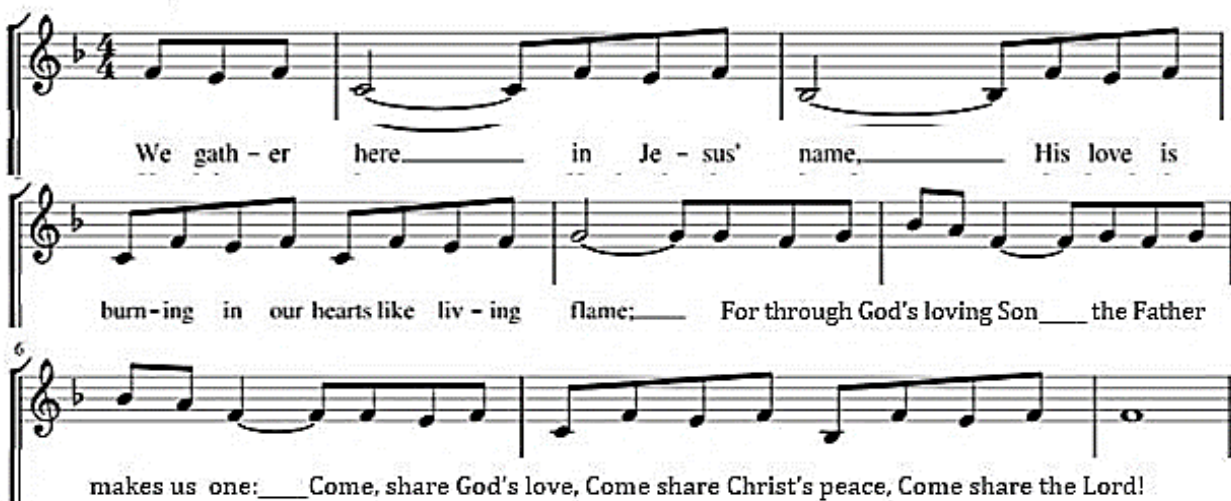
Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Share the Peace of Christ

Congregational Chorus 510

“Come Share the Lord”

DIVERNON



We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, His love is
burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; For through God's loving Son the Father
makes us one: Come, share God's love, Come share Christ's peace, Come share the Lord!

Musical Offering

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arr. Richard Walters

John Gilmer, vocalist; Leiza Collins, pianist

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

Prayer for Illumination



Old Testament Scripture (*responsive reading*) Psalm 116 selected verses

One: I love the Lord. God hears my voice and my prayers. I will call on God as long as I live, because God has turned an ear to me.

**ALL: The strings of death are all around me and the fear of the grave came upon me. I suffered with trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg You, save my life!"**

One: What should I give to the Lord for all the good things that have been done for me?

ALL: I will show God my thanks for saving me with a gift of wine and praise the name of the Lord. I will keep my promises to God before all God's people for I am Your servant, O Lord. You have set me free from my chains.

One: I will give a gift of thanks to God and call on the name of the Lord.

ALL: I will keep my promises to the Lord before the people of God, in the holy place of the Lord, and in the center of the city. Praise the Lord!

New Testament Scripture

Luke 24:13-33a

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Sermon

"Recognizing Jesus: At the Table"

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

The Prayers of God's People

A Time for Offering

Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Invitation to the Table of the Lord

Communion

We will be celebrating communion virtually today. Please bring to your place of at home worship what you will take as the bread and the cup this morning.

You may use food and beverages in your home that are used for communion around the: bread, a cracker, or a cookie and wine, juice, or water.





Communion Hymn 536

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

SURGE ECCLESIA

D C Bm F#m Em7 A Bm
 1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

A D Em A Bm Gmaj7
 meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

Em7 A D Bm7 E Asus A D
 vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

G Em A A7 Bm Em A7 D
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Charge and Blessing

Benediction Hymn 288

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me; fill me use me.
 Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.



Benediction

"Lord, Let Us Leave Now
(previously recorded)

Old English Tune



prayer concerns...

MEMBERS

Stephanie Brigman, Jane Rousseau, Tom Kernan, Mona Kernan, Becky DeLoach,
Kathrine Getske, Jerry Sparger, Dona Sparger, John Jones

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sally Hughes (friend of Fran Shannon)

Katie Elliot Bruce & Jordan Bruce (Married May, 2, 2020, son & daughter-in-law of Rebekah
& Tommy Bruce)

Camille & Brucene Harrison (BPC friends & choir members)

Selena Warren (daughter-in-law of Linda & William Warren)

Joe Allshouse (father of Robin Van Nortwick)

Health and protection for essential workers, first responders, all those who work in hospitals
& medical facilities

Hayden Miethe (father-in-law of Emily Gilmer Miethe)

Derek Sparger (son of Dona & Jerry Sparger)

Ashford & Paul Rosenberg with the birth of Ari Rosenberg
(children of Janice and Frank Stockdale-Carney)

Kim Cherry (daughter of Patsy Collins)

The family of Cecil Rousseau

The family of Nancy Berry

Katie Addicott & Jen Rogers and their boys (children of Fran & Pete Addicott)

Blessings and provisions for those who have lost their jobs

Healing for all those who have been infected with viruses

Derek Ellis (son of Glenda & Dave Ellis)

Karen Baldwin (daughter of Sharon Blackwelder)

Kathy Miller (friend of Mary Schmitz)

CHURCH AT LARGE

All Churches, their Pastors and Staff

*Prayer Concerns should be submitted by calling or texting Rev. Carla Meisterman to
901.235.1014 or email to carlam@balmoralpc.com*



birthdays...

Lee Waltz (5), Fran Shannon (6), Dee McGuire (7), Jessica Orians (12), Clinton Bailey (23), Casey Gurlen (26), Tom Kernan (28), Shirley Vosburg (29), Phil Shannon (30), Noah Mercer (31)

announcements...

- **WORSHIP next week on SUNDAY, MAY 10** will be online on our YouTube channel. You will receive an email with the link on Friday and again on Sunday morning. For those without computer access, tune in to Idlewild Presbyterian's service on radio 96.1 FM at 11:00am.
- **BUILDING CLOSED:** Balmoral's building will remain closed at least through **MAY 29**. You will be getting emails on the church's status regularly - we will let you know as soon as a decision is made to open our doors. Please do NOT open the church building even if you have a key! Carla, the cleaning crew and only essential services will be in the church. This is a SAFETY issue for those who have to be there.
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR PLEDGE!** Checks may be mailed to:
Balmoral Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 17309,
Memphis TN 38187
- **CONTACT INFORMATION:**
 Pastoral Care is supplied by Rev. Carla Meisterman and by Rev. Anne Hagler as a backup, as always.
Rev. Carla Meisterman: phone or text to 901.235.1014 or
 email carlam@balmoralpc.com
 Rev. Anne Hagler 901.628.2104 or email anneh6616@gmail.com
- **SESSION MEETING** is Sunday, May 17 at 2:30pm.

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