



Bel Air United Methodist Church
1st Sunday of Lent – March 9, 2025 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

Girl Scout Sunday Presentation of the Flag & Girl Scout Promise

Girl Scout Greeting

Prayer

Lord God, we ask you to bless us and all other Girl Scouts. Give us grace to serve you and our communities, and to keep our Girl Scout Promise and Law. Make us humble and friendly, eager for adventure, alert, and prepared for service. Give us the courage to dare to do right; make us both strong to fight and steadfast to endure; and may our lives be filled with joy that spreads happiness everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (Psalm 91)

Come! Dwell in the shelter of God, the shelter of holy love.

Trust in Christ Jesus, our Refuge, and our Strength.

Abide in God's house, the household of love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

O Worship the King

UMH 73

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Opening Prayer* (Eastern Orthodox Prayer)

We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we may again give thanks unto you. Amen.

Hymn**Joyful, Joyful*

UMH 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Moment for Ministry

BAUMC Ministries

Tom and Leslie Bonomo

Prayer of Confession

Debbie Englar

Silent Prayers of Confession**Words of Assurance** (Based on Romans 10)

Let us trust in the midst of our doubt. God's path is ever before us. We hope in the face of our sin. We call upon the name of the Lord. Salvation is ours! In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and reclaimed by God. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our faults and love us anyway. You welcome us in your presence and rejoice in our homecoming. Thank you for opening your arms to us, and thank you for claiming us as your children once again. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. Amen.

Chancel Choir

Directed by Dave Tramontana

Psalter Reading

Psalm 99:1-5

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! **Amen.**

Hymns*

All Hail King Jesus

TFWS 2069

All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel, King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star. And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises; and I'll reign with you throughout eternity.

He Is Exalted

TFWS 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him. He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name! He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Gospel Reading*

Mark 1:9-14

Sermon

"The Kingdom of God Has Come Near"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering Our Gifts

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how?

Doxology *

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication*

Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 716

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the arch-angel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Benediction*



Flowers on Back Table – the flowers on the back table are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of Girl Scout Sunday. Celebrating 113 Years!

Welcome Fellowship – We're glad that you're here. You're invited to a fellowship in room 202 immediately after worship today.

GPS – There will be NO GPS for March and April due to the Lenten Soup and Study.

Children's Choir – Our Children's Choir (Grades K-5) meet on Sundays in Room 103 (the choir room) from 10:30-11:15 am.

Youth Choir – Singers in grades 6-12 will meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 am around the piano in the sanctuary. Rehearsals will be March 2, 9 16, 23, & 30 in preparation to sing on Easter Sunday morning.

Chancel Choir – Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sundays at 8:10 am in Room 103. You do not need to attend both. We welcome all skill levels.

C4 Kids – Sunday School on Sundays at 9:15 am.

Youth Group – meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:30-6 pm.

Divorce Care – Spring Session – Wednesdays, February 5-April 30 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 115. To register, go to divorcecare.org

Grief Share – Spring Session – Tuesdays, February 25-May 20 from 1:30-3 pm in the Parlor and 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 115. Register at griefshare.org

Lenten Soup & Study – Our Lenten Study will use the book, "The Message of Jesus," by Adam Hamilton. There are copies of the book here in the church, or you may order one through your favorite distributor. **Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15 pm in Room 202, beginning Wednesday, March 12th.** To register, go to <https://belairumc.com/LentenSoupStudy>

Evensong – Thursdays during Lent at 7 pm on Facebook Live with Pastor Deb.

Book Study - A study of the book "*The Gift of Empathy*" is being offered on four Sundays beginning March 16th in the Church Library at 10:30 am (3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6). Marcia Martin will be your leader for this study. Book cost is \$15. Marcia has copies of the book to buy. To sign-up for this study or if you have questions, email martinmarciahope@gmail.com

Prayer Wall – Please visit the prayer wall, located across from the church office. Take the time to write your prayer on a note and attach it to a string with one of the small pins. Pause, reflect, and enter into a time of prayerful meditation as you read through each of the prayers. May God grant our world peace.

Creation Care Team Film Fest - TODAY, March 9th from 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Room 101. Come celebrate nature and God's wonderful world through a time of fellowship, fun and learning. View about a dozen short films ranging from 1 to 12 minutes. Enjoy a delicious variety of appetizers during intermission. Vote for your favorite one. Free and open to all.

Emergency Preparedness Training – BAUMC will be hosting this event from 7-9 pm. Next Session, 3/11 – Stop the Bleed Training (at DES). 3/18 – Safety & Security/Active Assailant (at BAUMC). 3/25 – CPR/AED Training (at DES). Department of Emergency Services is located at 2220 Ady Road in Forest Hill. Register at: <https://belairumc.com/EmergencyPreparednessTraining>

Administrative Council – The Ad. Council is welcoming at-large members. They usually meet on the fourth Monday of each month by Zoom. Please see Pastor Byron, or Tom and Leslie Bonomo if you might like to serve.

Confirmation – If you'd like to take confirmation classes this year, please see Pastor Byron.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Trip - VIM is going to Spruce Pine, in western North Carolina, from June 15th to June 21st to work on homes damaged by flooding from Hurricane Helene. We will stay at a Methodist Church and have a Forman work with us on projects. If you're interested contact Randy Wentzel wentsel@hotmail.com

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