



Bel Air United Methodist Church
5th Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024 – 9:15 AM

Prelude

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship (Attributed to St. Patrick)

Our God is the God of all, the God of heaven and earth,
Of the sea and of the rivers; the God of the sun and of the moon and of all the stars;
The God of the lofty mountains and of the lowly valleys. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

As the Sun Doth Daily Rise

UMH 675

Opening Prayer* (St. Patrick)

May the strength of God guide us.
May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us.
May the shield of God defend us.
May the angels of God guard us against the snares of the evil one. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! Christ be over all! May Christ be in us. May your grace, LORD, always be ours, this day, O LORD, and forevermore. Amen.

Hymn*

Christ Beside Me

TFWS 2166

Prayer of St. Patrick (Responsive)

I arise today through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun, Splendor of fire, Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the Wind, Depth of the Sea, Stability of the Earth,
Firmness of the Rock.
I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me afar and anear, alone or in a multitude.
Christ shield me today against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord of Creation. **Amen.**

Anthem

Prayer of Confession and Silent Prayer

Debbie Englar

Words of Assurance (Psalm 34: 22)

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and
share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you. **And also with you; amen.**

Hymn*

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

New Testament Reading

Sermon

Paul – The Third Day Series

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

Prayer of Dedication*

God of steadfast love, we thank you for the abundant gifts in our lives: love and grace,
friends and family, and clothing and belongings. Thank you for the signs of your loving
presence in the world: wondrous works and awesome deeds. Receive these offerings
as we rejoice in this opportunity to help bring about your presence here on earth.
Amen.

Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

Lenten Sermon Series – *The Third Day*, by Tom Berlin

March 17 – Paul

March 24 – Jesus

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Habitat/Volunteer in Missions – Meeting today at 10:30 am in the parlor. All are welcome.

Children's Choir – K-6th grade. Meet March 17th from 10:15 -11:00 am. We will sing in worship on March 24th. Youth Choir, grades 7-12, will meet in April.

New Members' Orientation - March 17, at 10:30 am in Room 202. We welcome you!

All-Church Family Worship at Mt. Carmel – 2 pm Sundays during Lent.

Lenten Bible Study – Soup and Study, Wednesdays from 5:45-7ish pm, in Room 202. We are following the book, *The Third Day*, by Tom Berlin.

Evensong – Join Pastor Deb every Thursday at 7 pm on Facebook LIVE during Lent.

College Boxes – Please help us support our college students. We will be collecting donations of packaged snacks and treats during the month of March, in a bin next to the Welcome and Information Desk. We will be making care packages the first week of April to get them sent out in time for final exams. If you would like to help, please contact Cathy Kogler at cathy.kogler@verizon.net. Thank you!!

Confirmation Classes – All students in 7th-9th grade are invited to register for Confirmation. Classes begin March 24. Registration has passed, but it's not too late to join. Register today at: <https://belairumc.com/Confirmation24>

BAUMC Scholarships - Bel Air United Methodist Church Involvement College Scholarship (for graduating high school seniors) and Pay It Forward Scholarship applications are available. The deadline for both is April 25 at 3pm. Scholarships can be found here: <https://belairumc.org/college-scholarship-opportunities>



**Maundy Thursday – March 28th, 7:00 pm Worship Service with Ames, John Wesley,
and Asbury UMCs – Rev. Dr. Maidstone Mulenga, Preaching
BAUMC Sanctuary**

Good Friday – March 29th, 3:00 pm Worship Service at Mt. Carmel

**Labyrinth – Anytime Thursday between 5-8:00 pm and Friday between
11:00 am-1:00 pm McComas Hall**

**Easter Sunday – March 31st
6:45 am Sunrise Service – Front Lawn of the Sanctuary
Easter Breakfast from 7:00-9:00 am
9:15 am Traditional Worship
10:15 am Contemporary Worship
2:00 pm Worship at Mt. Carmel**

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As the Sun Doth Daily Rise

As the sun doth daily rise, brightening all the morning skies, so to thee with one accord lift we
up our hearts, O Lord.

Day by day provide us food, for from thee come all things good; strength unto our souls afford
from thy living bread, O Lord.

Be our guard in sin and strife; be the leader of our life; lest from thee we stray abroad, stay our
wayward feet, O Lord.

Quickened by the Spirit's grace all thy holy will to trace while we daily search thy Word,
wisdom true impart, O Lord.

Praise we, with the heavenly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; thee would be with one accord
praise and magnify, O Lord.

Christ Beside Me

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ
below me, Christ above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in the strife; Christ
in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ
below me, Christ above me never part.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my
best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and
thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart
of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my visions, O Ruler of all.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take
leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The
seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's
grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the
call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our
faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With
your grace you feed us, with you light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which
we bear.

