

Youth Sunday, February 7, 2021

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Olivia and David Blusiewicz

One: From before the world began and after the end of eternity.

All: You are God.

One: From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase.

All: You are God.

One: In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corners of our hearts.

All: You are God.

One: Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are caretakers of creation,

All: God, you are our hope.

One: Because human knowledge seems endless, the world is our oyster and we do not know what we do not know,

All: God, you are our hope.

One: Because we can live without you and are free to go against you and could worship our wisdom alone,

All: God, you are our hope.

One: Because you came among us and sat beside us and heard us speak and saw us ignore you and healed our pain and let us wound you and loved us to the end and triumphed over all our hatred,

All: God, you are our hope.

One: Because you, not we, are God,

All: God, you are our hope.

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Katie and Finley McGuirl

Maker of all,

we are your children,
the creatures of your kindness
the bearers of your image.

This day we will walk by your light

follow your son,
and live by your spirit,
this day

we will not offer to you offerings that cost us nothing.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it
for our hope is in God. Amen.

HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul and Peter McConnell

FIRST LESSON	Psalm 33:21-22	Elizabeth Rothman
SERMON	<i>Hope in Faith</i>	Thomas Lautenbach
SECOND LESSON	Isaiah 40:30-31	Max Cieri
SERMON	<i>Hope in Disappointment</i>	Leo Cieri
THIRD LESSON	1 Timothy 4:10	Owen Yoder
SERMON	<i>Hope in Difficulty</i>	William Lautenbach
FOURTH LESSON	Jeremiah 29:11	Vivian Hattersley
SERMON	<i>Hope in Challenge</i>	Katherine Hattersley
ANTHEM	The Prayer of St. Patrick Youth Chorale	William M. Schoenfeld

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in
danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Maeve
CALL TO OFFERING	Galina
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER	Finley and Harper Hoffman

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 819	Be Still, My Soul	FINLANDIA
BENEDICTION	Katherine Hattersley, Leo Cieri, William Lautenbach, and Thomas Lautenbach	
POSTLUDE	Simple Gifts Brian Williams, violin	arr. John Purifoy

Season of Lent

2021 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL. Copies of this year's Devotional can be picked up outside the main entrance of the BMPC Chapel. You also can access the devotional [online](#) or you can [sign up](#) to receive each day's reflection via email throughout the Lenten season. Written by the pastors, staff and members of the congregation on selected texts from the Apostle Paul, the devotional will help us consider what it means to be disciples of Christ, both as individuals and as a community. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

DRIVE-THRU ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY. Wed., Feb. 17. You are invited to come to the church campus during three one-hour timeframes on Ash Wednesday to either pick up a simple kit that will allow you to impose ashes at home as a part of our online worship, or receive ashes on your forehead or hand directly from one of the pastors.

Pastors will be available outside from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., noon - 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Please enter the Sanctuary parking lot from Radnor Street. If you want to receive ashes from a pastor, please park behind the Chapel and walk up to the main Chapel entrance. If you would like a kit, drive up to the Chapel entrance. All participants need to practice social distancing and wear a mask.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES DURING LENT. BMPC will livestream Lenten Vesper services beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. Vesper services also will be livestreamed on Wednesdays, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to view these services via [BMPC's Facebook page](#), the [BMPC YouTube channel](#) or the [livestream page](#) on the church website.

BEING DISCIPLES, BECOMING COMMUNITY. Sundays, Feb. 21 - March 21, 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Using the Pauline texts featured in our 2021 Lenten Devotional, this class will explore the ways the Apostle Paul describes the essentials of Christian Discipleship as well as characteristics of the Christian community. Dr. Joshua Yoder is teaching this class, and details about it, including the Zoom link, can be found on our website [here](#).

Announcement

COVID-19 RESOURCES. The Caring Ministries team has compiled various resources to help you continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include vaccination and testing information by county, crisis and peer-support lines, support group information, and ways to receive food, financial, legal and healthcare assistance. All this information can be found on a new [COVID-19 Resource page](#) under the Caring Ministries section of the BMPC website.

This Sunday

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, starting Feb. 7, 9:00 a.m., Via Zoom conference call. *When in Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel according to Paul* by Beverly Roberts Gaventa. When reading the book of Romans, we often focus on the quotable passages, making brief stopovers and not staying long enough to grasp some of the big ideas it contains. Instead of reading Paul's most famous letter for a passage here or a theme there, leading New Testament scholar Beverly Roberts Gaventa invites us to linger in Romans. She asks that we stay with the letter long enough to see how Romans reframes our tidy categories and dramatically enlarges our sense of the gospel. This group is facilitated by the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff; for information about joining the class, including the Zoom link, contact [Frank](#).

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF. Sun., Feb. 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We are collecting non-perishable items and financial donations again this year in support of the national Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. Donations should be brought to the main entrance of the Chapel where children, youth and members of our Hunger Committee will be receiving items. Suggested donations: spaghetti sauce, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, mac & cheese, instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars. Contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#) with questions.

This Week

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on Feb. 9 will feature Branson Yeast, cello. [Download program.](#) [Stephanie Speakman.](#)

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month 10:00-11:00 a.m. Via Zoom conference call. This spring, the group will learn about the life and story of the late Congressman John Lewis by reading *His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope* by Jon Meacham. John Lewis, who at age 25 marched in Selma, Alabama, and was beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, was a visionary and a man of faith. In this book, Meacham writes of how this great-grandson of a slave and son of an Alabama tenant farmer was inspired by the Bible and his teachers in nonviolence to put his life on the line in the service of what Abraham Lincoln called “the better angels of our nature.” All men are invited to join this study. Contact [Brian Ballard](#) for Zoom details.