

Sunday, March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND CALL	Leigh DeVries	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRAYER OF CONFESSIO	DN (in unison)	
 Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. 		
HYMN 285	Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song	BRIDEGROOM
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 15:1–5, 9–14	Agnes W. Norfleet
SERMON	I Am the Vine Fifth in Lenten Series: Who Do You Say That I Am?	Agnes W. Norfleet
ANTHEM	If Ye Love Me Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers	Thomas Tallis
Comforter, that H	p My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He s Ie may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth, tha the spirit of truth.	- · ·
CALL TO OFFERING PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rebecca Kirkpatrick
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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 761	Called as Partners in Christ's Service	BEECHER
BENEDICTION		Agnes W. Norfleet
POSTLUDE	Variations sur "Herzlich tut mich verlangen"	Denis Bédard

Announcement

COVID-19 RESOURCES. The Caring Ministries team has compiled a list of various resources to help you continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include vaccination and testing information by county; crisis and peer-support phone lines; support group information; and ways to receive food, financial, legal and healthcare assistance. All this information is on a new <u>COVID-19 Resource</u> page under the Caring Ministries section of the BMPC website.

Season of Lent

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES DURING LENT. BMPC is livestreaming the last Lenten Vesper Service on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to view these services via <u>BMPC's Facebook</u> page, the <u>BMPC YouTube channel</u> or the <u>livestream page</u> on the church website.

THE LABYRINTH. You are invited to the Story Path[©] Labyrinth in the Chapel on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Come to walk or simply sit in the quietness. A printed Lenten Labyrinth Journey booklet welcomes you into the sacred space. Masks and social distancing required.

This Sunday

BEING DISCIPLES, BECOMING COMMUNITY. Sunday, March 21 at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Using the Pauline texts featured in our 2021 Lenten Devotional, this class explores the ways the Apostle Paul describes the essentials of Christian Discipleship as well as characteristics of the Christian community. Dr. Joshua Yoder teaches this class: details about it, including the Zoom link, may be found on our website <u>here</u>.

This Week

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we broadcast live concerts via <u>BMPC's Facebook</u> <u>page</u> on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on March 23 features Jonathan Schubert, bass trombone, and Edward Landin Senn, organ. <u>Download program</u>. <u>Stephanie Speakman</u>.

Upcoming

VIRTUAL SMOKEFREE PROGRAM. Main Line Health's SmokeFREE program is a free six-week behavior management program designed to help smokers/vapers quit. Participants may be eligible to receive free nicotine replacement therapy. Six different sessions available with start dates in April and May. <u>View flyer</u>. To register for any SmokeFREE class, call 484-227-FREE (3733).

EASTER MORNING PRAYER SERVICES. You are invited to <u>pre-register</u> for our Easter morning prayer services which will be offered outside on the front lawn at <u>6:30</u>, <u>8:00</u>, <u>9:30</u> and <u>11:00</u> a.m. Capacity is limited to 85 attendees at each service.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE. A pre-recorded traditional Easter worship service video with brass, choir and sermon will be available on the church website on Easter Sunday morning.