

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian K. Ballard

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Peace be with you.

All: How good and pleasant it is

when we live together in unity.

One: Receive the Holy Spirit.

All: It is like precious oil on the head,

the blessing of the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit,

with signs and wonders,

in flesh and blood.

Yet we struggle to live and believe

the good news of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on us; forgive us.

Enter into our lives

and cast out our fear

so that we may come to trust in you

And have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 1:1–2:2 Franklyn C. Pottorff

SERMON Coffee Hour Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM See the Land Alice Jordan

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

See the land, her Easter keeping, rises as her Maker rose; seeds so long in darkness sleeping, burst at last from winter's snows. Earth with heav'n above rejoices; fields and gardens hail the spring; hills and woodlands ring with voices. All creatures sing: Alleluia!

CALL TO OFFERING Leigh DeVries PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION Franklyn C. Pottorff

POSTLUDE Paean Craig Phillips

"I am the resurrection and the life."
Claire E. Balentine ~ March 29, 2021
Elizabeth Schnebly Wilson ~ April 4, 2021
Florence Ginn ~ April 6, 2021
Peter E. Munger ~ April 8, 2021
Alan (Al) Willoughby ~ April 8, 2021

This Sunday

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY EVENT. Sun., April 11, 3:30 p.m., Wayne United Methodist Church, 210 South Wayne Ave., Wayne. You are invited to join Main Line congregations for a vigil march that begins at Wayne United Methodist. Please bring your own sign. There will be remembrance moments at participating faith institutions along the walk as well as an advocacy opportunity to contact your state and federal legislators. Phoebe Sheftel

This Week

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., April 16, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. Amy Ballard leads our discussion of "Faithfulness without Fanfare: God in the Everyday." RSVP online: http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureApril2021 Betty Wu, efwu01@gmail.com.

Upcoming

LONGWOOD GARDENS: GRAND DESIGNS. Fri., April 23 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Join us for a presentation by Paul B. Redman, President and CEO of Longwood Gardens who is known for his dedication to beauty and sustainability of gardens. Have you ever wondered how the gardens were planned and planted? Paul will discuss the overall grand design of Longwood Gardens, one of the Philadelphia area's most visited attractions. Register to receive the Zoom link at MDevane@bmpc.org.

CONVERSATIONS ON A LENS OF LOVE: READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR OUR WORLD.

Sun., April 25 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call or Sun., May 16 at 2:00 p.m. on the BMPC Campus. As we prepare to welcome Jonathan L. Walton as our 2021 Theologian in Residence, we also are offering an opportunity to discuss his book, *A Lens of Love*, on April 25 via Zoom, or by an in-person conversation at BMPC on May 16. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead these conversations. Please sign up here to reserve a copy of the book and to choose which session you wish to attend. Questions? RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

2021 THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE. Sat., May 1, 10:00 a.m., and Sun., May 2 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call. We look forward to hosting Jonathan L. Walton, Dean of Wake Forest Divinity School, as this year's Theologian in Residence. Dean Walton, considered a leader in the national and church conversation on race, justice and faith, will present two lectures during the weekend. He also will be our preacher for our pre-recorded worship on May 2. For more details about the Theologian in Residence program and registration links, please visit our website. Pre-registration is required for both lectures. Questions? Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.