

Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

All: Let the sound of praise ring out.

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

All: The Lord who has made everything!

One: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

All: Let us worship God in the beauty of praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving God,
we do not always keep your commandments;
and we have failed to love you and our neighbors
as you have taught us.

Our conscience is not clear,
and we ask your forgiveness.

Wash us in the water of life
that we may live again
through the grace and mercy of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 371

New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ A DIEU

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-5

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ANTHEM

I Dream a World
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

André Thomas

Of such I dream. I dream a world where man no other man will scorn, where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn. I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way, where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day. A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free, of such I dream. Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all mankind, of such I dream, I dream a world.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:1-5

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON*Waiting in the Promise*

Agnes W. Norfleet

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Brian K. Ballard

As the early Christian community,
so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.
We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things,
in the mission and service to the world.
The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us,
but God knows those who belong to God.

- from *A Declaration of Faith***PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Brian K. Ballard

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**HYMN** 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts
Edward Landin Senn, organ
Ron Kerber, saxophone

arr. Ron Kerber

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Carol M. Pyle ~ April 29, 2021

Today

INFANT FORMULA DRIVE-THRU & DROP-OFF COLLECTION. Today and next Sun., May 16. The BMPC Hunger Committee and Children and Family Ministries are collecting infant formula and baby food for Episcopal Community Services, to assist in its work with single mothers experiencing homelessness, and with the Maternity Care Coalition that works to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and parenting families. Those attending in-person worship today may drop donations in bins in the Narthex. On May 16, donations may be dropped off at the entrance to the Chapel between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to drive through. Those attending Family Worship at 4:00 p.m. may drop off donations in the bins in the Narthex before or after the service. The preferred formula brand is Similac Advanced, but all brands may be donated.

This Week

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP: NEW BOOK, SOUL SURVIVOR. Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom, beginning April 29. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard to discuss *Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church* by Philip Yancey. In the book, Yancey interweaves his own journey with the fascinating stories of those who modeled a life-enhancing faith for him. All are welcome. Contact Monica Devane, monicadevane@bmpc.org for the Zoom details.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., May 14, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. Chris Beck leads our discussion of "Leaps of Faith." RSVP: <http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureMay-14-2021>. Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

Next Sunday

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE. You are invited to pre-register for the May 16 worship service in the Sanctuary. Capacity is limited to 200 participants. Pre-register here: <http://bit.ly/register-may16>.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting is called by the Session for next Sunday, May 16, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a very brief meeting to elect an at-large member to the 2021 Nominating Committee to replace a member who is moving away.

CONVERSATION ON A LENS OF LOVE: READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR OUR WORLD. Sun., May 16, 2:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m., on the BMPC Campus. As we reflect on the wisdom offered by Dr. Jonathan L. Walton, our 2021 Theologian in Residence, you are invited to discuss his book, *A Lens of Love*, in person. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead these conversations. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/lens-of-love> to reserve a copy of the book and to register to attend either session. Questions? RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

THE ART OF THE PEALES. Mon., May 17, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. Join Dr. Carol Eaton Soltis, BMPC member, Project Associate Curator at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and author of *The Art of the Peales in the Philadelphia Museum of Art: Adaptations and Innovations*, for this fascinating overview of the Philadelphia Museum of Art's unparalleled and diverse collection of works by the Peale family, America's first artistic dynasty. Dr. Soltis' presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. Register to receive the Zoom link: MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

DEACONS' RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., May 17, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. To sign up to donate blood: <http://bit.ly/2021-blood-drive>.

LIVESTREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICES. BMPC will begin livestreaming the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., June 6. You are invited to view these services via BMPC's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/brynmawrpres, the BMPC YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/brynmawrpres or the livestream page on the church website: www.bmpc.org/livestream.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. This year we will journey with Elijah deep into the wilderness and see where God meets us! Rising fourth to sixth graders will assist with camp from June 21-25, and rising PreK-Kindergarten students and rising first to third graders will attend camp from June 23-25. For more details and registration information, <http://bit.ly/VBC-2021>. Volunteers needed! Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.