

Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

All: for God reigns over all the earth!

One: God has gone up with a shout!

All: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Living God,

we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.

When we stand looking toward heaven,
yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power,
through the grace of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-11

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ANTHEM

O Clap Your Hands, All Ye People!
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Carl Staplin

O clap your hands, all ye people! Shout unto God with a voice of triumph! For the Lord most high is terrible, he is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us and the nations under his feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Filling the Gap

Agnes W. Norfleet

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

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 258

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

DEO GRACIAS

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Aria
Barbara Prugh, flugelhorn
Edward Landin Senn, organ

Flor Peeters

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Elizabeth “Libby” Bennett ~ May 9, 2021

Announcement

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our virtual “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, June 7 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. These two classes will give you the opportunity to learn about our denomination, our Reformed tradition, and our sense of Christian Ministry. Inquirers welcome. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

Today

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting is called by the Session 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.

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

Registration is closed for this Sunday's in-person gatherings to discuss *A Lens Of Love*. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead these conversations.

INFANT FORMULA DRIVE-THRU & DROP-OFF COLLECTION. 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 for the Maternity Care Coalition that works to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and parenting families. 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

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>.

YOGA CLASS. BMPC is hosting a new Gentle Hatha Yoga class on campus. Rosa Giletti brings more than 45 years of experience to her students. This six-week class will be held on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. on May 17 and 24, June 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Rosa at 267-644-9685 for class details.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP: 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.

Next Sunday

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE. You are invited to pre-register for the May 23 worship service in the Sanctuary. Capacity is limited to 200 participants. Pre-register here: <http://bit.ly/register-may23>.

COLLABORATIVE CONCERT. Sun., May 23, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom. Main Line Reform Temple, ARTolerance and the BMPC Music and Fine Arts Program will present “Four Seasons” with Polyphony of Nazareth, Israel. Polyphony bridges the divide between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel through classical music and serves as a worldwide model for cooperation based on cultural exchange, dialogue and partnership. You may view this program at bit.ly/3eyzoT2.

Upcoming

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 to 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.

Caring and Sharing

HOUSING SUPPORT FOR A LOCAL REFUGEE. The BMPC Refugee Committee has been working closely with a family who needs a new housing arrangement starting on Jan. 1, 2022. A single mother, who has received formal asylum status in the United States, seeks housing for herself and two children (ages 5 and 3). She needs an apartment or house with two bedrooms at an affordable price and near public transportation. She works full time as a child care worker at a school in Ardmore. Her current housing is available only through this December as it is through a local church. She is from Guinea, West Africa, and speaks her native language, French, and English. She has been in the United States for two years and can provide excellent references for her character and dependability. She is a lovely, resilient, determined and delightful young woman. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.