



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Minuetto

Eugène Gigout

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One May God be gracious to us and bless us; may God's face shine on us.

All **So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

One May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

All **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

One May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

All **The earth has yielded its harvest; God blesses us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.**

HYMN 8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Lord, bring new life where we are worn, tired, and bereft;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
healing where we can only imagine infirmity;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where
we are prisoners of ourselves.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSAN

Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts
burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 return to their families.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing

Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u-pon you, and may
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

(pg. 139 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Love is Come Again

arr. Parker/Shaw

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain, love lives again, that with the dead has been. Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen. Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

SECOND LESSON John 5:1-9

Andy Greenhow

(pg. 96 in pew Bible)

One

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *That is Not What I Asked*

Andy Greenhow

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All We believe... that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

-From the Confession of Belhar

All 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM See the Land

Alice Jordan

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!

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rachel Pedersen

HYMN 341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Andy Greenhow

POSTLUDE "Preludio" from Sonata No. 3

Alexandre Guilmant

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

John Vaughn - May 16, 2025

Worship & Music Notes

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

Easter Flowers. Photograph by Dave Tavani.

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Atrium following the worship service. Our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org.

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/livestream or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

UPCOMING

BMPC Hike/Work Day. Sat., May 31, 9:00 a.m., beginning at Haverford College Campus. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day. We will enjoy an easy hike around the Haverford College Campus, followed by a work session at Sharpe Bird Sanctuary. To sign up, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com by May 27.

Hersheypark Youth Trip. Sun., June 1, 9:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Current 5th-12th Graders are invited to our Annual Hersheypark Trip! Registration Cost: \$40 (includes admission to the park and one meal.) Scholarships are available. Register at bit.ly/HersheyPark2025 by Tues., May 27.

Anti-Racism Walking Tour of Philly. Sat., Jun. 7, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The BMPC Anti-Racism Committee is hosting a guided walking tour of significant sites in Philadelphia related to the Anti-Slavery movement and local Black History. Participants will meet at BMPC and travel together via bus with a tour guide. Space is limited. Sign up with JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org by May 31.

Senior Adult Spring Social. Sun., Jun. 8, 4:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House. The Senior Adult Council invites members 55 and older to join them for their annual spring social. Tickets are \$20 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dessert. RSVP by June 2 at bit.ly/SeniorSpringSocial2025 or contact, TiaraHarris@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in July and August for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

VBC Supplies Needed. We're getting ready for this year's Vacation Bible Camp and could use your help gathering supplies! We're collecting clean cardboard egg cartons, bright magazines (like travel or animal-themed ones) for collage projects, clean jars with lids (plastic or glass), silk flowers or greenery, and paper towel rolls. Collection points are located in the Ed. Bldg. and by the Church Offices. We'd also love to borrow a few items, including a small camping tent, fish bowls or

terrariums, and wildlife or plant guides. If you're able to donate or lend any of these items, please contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org Thank you for supporting VBC!

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible

Camp! Mon., June 23 - Fri., June 27, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. In June, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. You can volunteer to help with a specific station (like games), work with a small group, or help "behind the scenes." Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and we ask volunteers to arrive by 8:30 a.m. each day. Register as a volunteer at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025 Please note that camper registration is closed.

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

MONDAY, MAY 26

- All Day Memorial Day, Campus Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 27

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Camp, Front Lawn
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Camp, Front Lawn
9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 29

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Camp, Front Lawn
- 10:00 a.m. **Carolyn Hall Memorial Service, Chapel**
- 6:00 p.m. ACFEA Choir Tour Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Touring Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, MAY 30

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Camp, Front Lawn

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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