

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025 8:00 a.m., Chapel



## **Gathering of God's People**

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

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

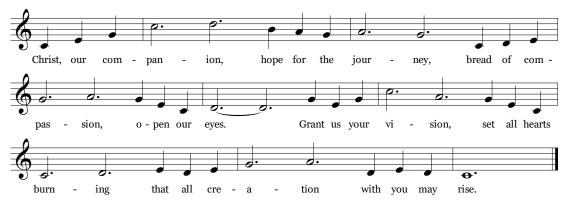
#### CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

SUNG RESPONSE BUNESSAN



# **Hearing of the Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carl Reynolds

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

(pg. 139 in pew Bible)

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**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

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### SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Andy Greenhow

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

**POSTLUDE** 

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

John Vaughn - May 16, 2025

# **Worship Notes**

## **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Carl Reynolds, Elder

**USHER** 

**Dave Bravo** 

**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 <a href="mailto:bmpc.org">bmpc.org</a>.

#### 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, <u>RachelPedersen@bmpc.org</u> or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, <u>childcare@bmpc.org</u> with any questions.

#### LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at <a href="https://www.bmpc.org/livestream">www.bmpc.org/livestream</a> 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, <a href="heatondavid2@gmail.com">heatondavid2@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/HersheyPark2025">bit.ly/HersheyPark2025</a> 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 <a href="mailto:bit.ly/SeniorSpringSocial2025">bit.ly/SeniorSpringSocial2025</a> or contact, <a href="mailto:TiaraHarris@bmpc.org">TiaraHarris@bmpc.org</a>

#### 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 <a href="mailto:SusanThorkelson@mac.com">SusanThorkelson@mac.com</a>

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 <a href="MaryRichards@bmpc.org">MaryRichards@bmpc.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025">bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025</a> 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline">bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline</a> 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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