

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 2026

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

"Classique d'hier" from *Trois Nouvelles Pieces*

Charles-Marie Widor

Daniel Carroll, organist

Chimings of Great Joy

Dan R. Edwards

Bells of Bryn Mawr

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1, 4

One The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after,

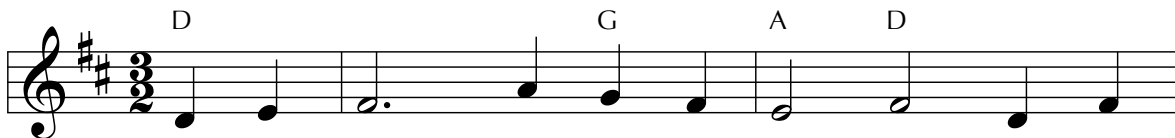
All to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

One to behold the beauty of the LORD,

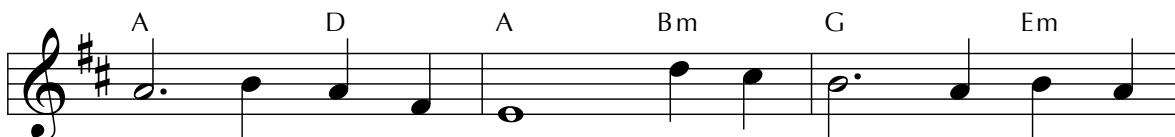
All and to inquire in God's temple.

HYMN 44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

AUSTIN



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Lord Jesus, you performed your first sign, manifesting your glory at the request of your mother, who instructed us to ‘do whatever he tells you.’ We confess that we often ignore your voice and follow our own desires. We try to force our own timing rather than trusting in your hour. We have treated your commands as optional and neglected the joy that comes from obedience. Transform our stubborn wills. Take our reluctance and turn it into faithful action. Change us by your grace.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE Gloria

James Kealey



Glo-ry be to God: cre - a - tor Christ and



Ho ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gi - nning is now and ev - er shall be.



World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 4 depart for their Sunday School classes.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 3:1-6

(pg. 585 in pew Bible)

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my
commandments, for length of days
and years of life and abundant welfare
they will give you. Do not let loyalty
and faithfulness forsake you; bind
them around your neck; write them on

the tablet of your heart. Then you will
find favor and high regard in the sight
of God and of people. Trust in the Lord
with all your heart, and do not rely
on your own insight. In all your ways
acknowledge him, and he will make
straight your paths.

ANTHEM Cana's Guest

Richard Allain

As Cana's quiet, wondrous guest drew richest wine from water blessed through
trembling vow and thankful song, may glory shine, as hearts respond to Heaven's
theme with love, Earth's antiphon.

(pg. 93 in pew Bible)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them,

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

"Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON *Trusting in the Whatever*

John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 837 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,
Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Melanie Hardison

All In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forget her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

-From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Rebecca Kirkpatrick & Andy Greenhow

One There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All To each is given a gift of the Spirit be used for the common good.

One Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Dottie Bowen

One Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All We do.

One Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All We do.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CHARGE AND DECLARATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Melanie Hardison

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ave Maria

David Conte

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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 HUNDRETH

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

Melanie Hardison

HYMN 643 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

John Willingham

POSTLUDE Improvisation: Introduction, and Fugue

Daniel Carroll, organist

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Bob Murphy - April 26, 2026

Susan Mease - May 1, 2026

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 spring and 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 and the women's discovery of an empty tomb.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors following the worship service. All of 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/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past 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.

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Flower Janney Brown.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Elders Class of 2029

Beverly Fleuter
Sarah Gunther
Linda Himmelberger
Whitney Hoffman
Carl Reynolds
Steve Udicious
Kent Walker

Elder Class of 2027

Corinne Brown

Deacons Class of 2029

Tony Brown
John Decker
Jennie Jacobson
Morris Kay
Kay Kerr
Matthew Peterson
Jane Wilber

Deacon Class of 2027

Cameron Liggett

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's music celebrates the wonderful things happening in our shared sacred and secular life; we honor Mother's Day, and our scripture passage discusses Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding at Cana. The first anthem, "Cana's Guest," is a newer work, composed in 2005 by the British composer Richard Allain. Though it uses a poem by Thomas Allain, it's rooted in our Second Scripture Lesson, the music providing a symphonic rendering of this amazing story. The work grows and grows, lifting off the page into the sky, before gently returning to earth quietly and calmly. The music of David Conte has grown to critical acclaim, and he was the 2024 honoree of the American Guild of Organists National Convention in San Francisco. His lovely setting of "Ave Maria" is heartwarming, cheerful, and evocative. Translated as "Hail, Mary," we give thanks for all those who nurture, care, and support.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill

BULLETIN COVER

Miller, Mary Jane. Wedding at Cana, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59676 Original source: Mary Jane Miller, www.millericons.com/

Announcements

TODAY

Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano Gallery Opening. Sun., May 10, 11:15 a.m., Gallery. This exhibition showcases the evocative watercolors of Domenic DiStefano (1924-2011), a painter and teacher for over 50 years, celebrated for his dynamic depictions of coastal and marine landscapes. His work captures the interplay of light and shadow on water, reflecting both his passion for watercolor and his deep connection to Rockport, Massachusetts. Join us for the opening day to hear DiStefano's family and friends share personal reflections on DiStefano's life, artistic process, and enduring legacy.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Want to better understand the process for selecting BMPC's next Senior Pastor? We've created a helpful visual guide outlining each step of the pastoral transition process. You can view the large graphic display in the Atrium, or find it anytime at bmpc.org/pastoraltransition We remain committed to keeping the congregation informed and engaged throughout this process and invite you to continue joining us in prayer as we seek God's guidance for the future of BMPC.

Burgers & Root Beer. Mon., May 11, 4:00 p.m., Pastor Andy's Manse. Flip burgers, drink root beer, and talk honestly about growing up amid loud messages about masculinity. We'll share a meal, laugh, and explore topics like toxic masculinity, social media algorithms, and healthier ways of being. Open to 6th-9th

grade boys and nonbinary youth who feel this space is right for them. Come hungry! Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

The Threat of Christian Nationalism. Mon., May 11, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join us for a lecture, conversation, and book signing with Dr. Matthew Boedy, author of "The Seven Mountains Mandate," in which he critiques the Christian Nationalist movement to reshape society through media, religion, family, and other spheres of cultural influence. This event is sponsored by Confronting Christian Nationalism, a coalition of Presbyterians and other faith leaders in Greater Philadelphia.

Wednesday Night Dinner. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us Wednesday evenings for delicious food, friendly conversation, and good company. Whether it's your first time or a familiar weekly rhythm, there's always room at the table. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome, including non-members. View the menu at bmpc.org/WednesdayNightDinner Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students.

Nurturing New Life Support Group. Fridays, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are for this weekly meet-up for parents with infants. Each week will include time for fellowship and opportunities to hear from local experts on topics such as sleep, feeding, development, parental well-being, and navigating the early months of parenthood. The May 15 topic is Navigating Major Milestones with Jennifer Teller. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Confirmation Sunday. Sun., May 17, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, the 2025-2026 confirmation class will be confirmed. Confirmation mentors, family, friends, and congregational members are invited to celebrate their commitment to the church and Christian faith. Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Congregational Meeting. Sun., May 17, following worship. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place immediately after the 10 a.m. service on May 17. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two additional youth officers. The individuals to be placed in nomination are Lindsay Collett for Ruling Elder and Whitney Shissler for Deacon.

Hersheypark Fun Day. Sun., May 31, 9:30 a.m. Rising 6th–12th graders register now! Roller coasters. Water rides. Chocolate. Bring your friends for a fun day out in the sweetest place on earth. It will be a blast. The cost is \$40, which includes admission to the park and one meal, with scholarships available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Crescendo for Justice: Breaking the Silence for Immigrant Rights. Mon., Jun. 1, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. All are welcome to this concert organized by HIAS, one of our partners in refugee settlement, featuring music performed by musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops, and other renowned regional groups in honor of Immigrant Heritage Month.

Senior Adult Spring Social. Sun., Jun. 7, 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 \$25 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dessert. RSVP by June 1 at bit.ly/SeniorSpringSocial2026 Contact: annalisekirk@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Casserole Blitz. Sat., May 16, 8:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz — a fun, family-friendly event (for ages 5 and up) to make casseroles and new friends! Work alongside fellow BMPC members to prepare casseroles for area shelters and help feed neighbors in need. Next Blitz: June 13. Sign up at bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Volunteer Photographers Needed. Do you enjoy photography and have an eye for capturing meaningful moments? BMPC is looking for volunteer photographers to help take photos at church events throughout the year. Your images help us tell the story of our life together as a congregation through our publications, website, and social media. If you're interested in serving in this way, please contact LisaBuscaglia@bmpc.org

BMPC Meal Train. Join us in this caring ministry that provides meal support to congregants in times of need. This act of caring has been described as an actual lifeline for some of our recipients. If you are interested in periodically making (or purchasing) and delivering a meal, please contact BMPC Deacon Kara Udicious at udicious@comcast.net

Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp. Mon., Jun. 22–Fri., Jun. 26, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., BMPC Campus. This summer, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make

camp special for each one. Register at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

BMPC Prayer Partners 2026-2027. Prayer Partners commit to praying for a small group of students throughout an academic year. Prayer Partners may also connect with students through post cards and special events. This ministry serves more than 500 children and youth. Would you like to continue being a Prayer Partner or start being

a Prayer Partner? Please sign up so we can plan for our 2026-2027 prayer partner team: bit.ly/PrayerPartnerSignUp2025 Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in May, 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

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg. Library
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 2s, 3s), and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering (Gr. 5-12), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Officer Ordination and Installation, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (K-4th Grade), Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 p.m. Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano Opening, Gallery

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 4:00 p.m. Burgers and Root Beer Youth Event, Pastor Andy's Manse
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Matthew Boedy: The Threat of Christian Nationalism, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 11:30 a.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Discussion Group, Fullerton Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 9:00 a.m. Visual Arts Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 5:30 p.m. Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Support Group, Converse House Parlor

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Confirmation, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Andy Greenhow will preach.

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