

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 30, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass



WELCOME

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 in the Atrium following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 2

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg

Worship Together Sunday

Grades 3 - 5

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Cafe

11:15 a.m., Atrium

Christianity and Labor Organizing

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

"Passages from Dark to Light" Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Art Thou Weary?”
from *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*

Carol Barnett

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

All: and shout with joy to the source of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

All: singing joyful songs of praise.

† **HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ballad: Refrain

Carol Barnett

They say God loved the World so dear, He set aside His crown And cloaked
Himself in human shape; They say that He came down, And dwelt awhile
among us here. He came on down.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of all good, you have filled our hearts with the promises of resurrection.
You have blessed us with a rich inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we
have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. Forgive us, O God, and call
us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and
sisters in Christ.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Kyrie

Carol Barnett

Mercy! Oh, Kyrie! Have mercy! Oh, Christe! Mercy, oh mercy, eleison, eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on creation! Christe
eleison, have mercy on our souls!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

Christ our Companion

BUNESSAN

Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our
eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you
may rise.

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN

Ballad: First Verse

Carol Barnett

A Child walked forth on Eden's way; A Child stretched out her hand: "Oh, may I taste the apple there and take to understand the fruit of knowledge in my mouth, And know of God firsthand?"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 100 (*pg. 552 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Gloria

Marisha Chamberlain
arr. Carol Barnett

Glory be to God on high, who launched the sunlight, loosed the rain, who scattered stars across the sky, who piled the mountains, rolled the plains, who spilled the rivers and the seas. Oh, Glory be, oh, Glory be. Glory be to God below, for feather, fur, for scale and fin, for vine uptwisting, blossom's fire, for muscle, sinew, nerve and skin and every feature set aglow. Oh, Glory be to God below. Oh, Glory be for peace on earth, and prayerful be the human heart that has required a Savior's birth to make of earth heav'ns counterpart, so strife might stop and warring cease. Oh, Glory be for peace, oh, be for peace. Oh, Glory be the generous Hand who left us to our work and care, who gave us only few commands but that we help each other bear life's burdens. Pain and suffering ease. Oh, Glory be, oh, Glory be.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:42-47 (*pg. 120 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Ballad: Second Verse

Carol Barnett

Adam, he labored, Eve, she toiled, and many children bore. And sometimes all was fruitfulness and sometimes seasons wore them down to dust and emptiness and hunger at the door. But they say God loved the World so dear He set aside His crown, and cloaked Himself in human shape; They say that He came down, and dwelt awhile among us here. He came on down.

SERMON

Easter Community

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM

Credo

Carol Barnett

Oh, I do believe a place awaits us far across the Jordan and when we reach those mossy banks, we'll cast aside our oars. Row on, row on, we're crossing River Jordan, row on, row on, and no one goes alone. Oh, I do believe a place awaits us high above the mountains and when we reach that highest peak, we'll spread our wings and soar. Climb on, climb on, we're climbing Jacob's Ladder, climb on, climb on, and no one goes alone. Oh, I do believe a resting place awaits us, 'cross the Jordan. We'll toss our coats, throw off our hats and take the seat of ease. And it's not the seat of riches and it's not the seat of power. Row on, row on, and no one goes alone.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

Sanctus

Carol Barnett

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Brian K. Ballard

ANTHEM

Ballad: Third Verse

Carol Barnett

The skies exploded, towers fell; The floods came rushing down and many souls were burned alive; And many souls were drowned and others set to marching far from house and home. Where are you now, our Savior dear, when we are all undone? They say God loved the World so dear, He cast aside His crown and cloaked Himself in human shape; They say that He came down, and dwelt awhile among us here. He came on down. Oh, I am here among you now tho' I must pass unseen, and cannot show why this must be nor how I walk between your souls and greater dangers than you have ever known, to laugh with you and weep with you, my people, oh my own. It's true, I love the World so dear I cast aside My crown and cloak Myself in mystery so I can come on down, and dwell in and among you now. I come on down.

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

Carol Barnett

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

† **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

† **BENEDICTION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Benediction

Carol Barnett

Blessing be upon your heads, bless the living, bless the dead. Blessing be upon you, my people. Blessing so that you may go lightly through this world of woe. Blessing be upon you, my people. Blessings, and may you embrace God in guise of human grace. Blessings now and forever.

ANTHEM

Conclusion

Carol Barnett

They say God loved the World so dear, She set aside Her crown and cloaked Herself in human shape; They say that She came down, and dwelt awhile among us here. She came on down.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hayley Elizabeth Craig

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart Gord

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

Dave Tavani

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome Monroe Crossing

Monroe Crossing performs an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, original bluegrass and some surprising selections outside the bluegrass genre. Named in honor of Bill Monroe, the father of bluegrass music, Monroe Crossing's superb musicianship and on-stage rapport have entertained audiences throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. For more than 20 years this Minnesota-based band has averaged over 100 shows a year performing in intimate rooms, community theaters, major venues and outdoor festivals. They are favorites among bluegrass connoisseurs and non-bluegrass audiences alike.

They love introducing newcomers to bluegrass music!

Notes from Carol Barnett, composer of *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*

To bring the solemnity of the classical-based Mass together with the down-home sparkle of bluegrass – now there's an assignment. My highest hope is that listeners coming from one tradition – classical or bluegrass – and perhaps dubious about the other, might discover something new and wonderful in the combination, as

I have. Composing the music for *The World Beloved* has given me the chance to write cheery sacred music – all too rare in a medium rife with staid and even lugubrious settings. It's brought me back to memories of music heard while visiting my grandparents: country music with a church flavor that told stories and came out of a scratchy old record player. Grandma would not have allowed dancing, but under the table I tapped my toes.

Announcement

150TH ANNIVERSARY VISION SURVEY. Each member of our community is invited to participate in helping us discern God's call for our congregation as we celebrate our 150th anniversary and look toward the future. This final piece of information gathering – building upon our learnings from the forums and focus groups – needs your insight and input! Please complete the survey mailed to you or fill it out online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/150thvisionsurvey>
Additional paper and large print copies and drop boxes are available at the Reception Desk and in the Atrium. The deadline for returning the survey is Sun., May 14. Thank you!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK. In honor of National Library Week, we celebrate BMPC writers past and present. On exhibit now in Converse Library in the Fullerton Room are a diverse selection of books by BMPC authors for you to check out and enjoy. Also, visit “Converse in the Court” on the lower level of the Ministries Center, where you can browse our reading corner that features books celebrating reading and libraries.

Today

THE WORLD BELOVED: A BLUEGRASS MASS. 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Composer Carol Barnett and librettist Marisha Chamberlain combined efforts to create *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*. The result is a brilliant and exhilarating blend of the classical mass, modern choral sophistication, insightful poetry, and traditional bluegrass instrumentation. Featuring Monroe Crossing, the renowned bluegrass band.

CHRISTIANITY AND LABOR ORGANIZING. 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. BMPC member Connor Williams, who has a master's degree in intercultural theology from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, will discuss Christianity's relationship with labor organizing in the United States, the primary focus of his research. This class will provide an overview of how U.S. Christians have supported labor organizing and the theological justification for their support.

This Week

DELIVERED OUT OF EMPIRE. Mon., May 1, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. Join Rabbi David Straus and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for a three-week exploration of the Book of Exodus using Walter Bruggemann's recent book, *Delivered Out of Empire*. In addition to discussing the significance of the Exodus story as a movement of liberation, the class also will look at how Exodus is interpreted in various ways in the Jewish and Christian traditions, especially with Jewish Passover practices. To reserve a copy of the book: <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>. For information: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Mon., May 1, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Y-Group (mothers and caregivers for young children) offers a book selection for the spring season: *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner. You may purchase a copy at your bookstore or online, borrow one of the two copies available in the church library, or borrow the ebook on your library's Hoopla app. Come for snacks and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. Contact Ygroupbmpe@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the distribution list.

SACRED THREADS: LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK. Thurs., May 4, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a program open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, will be used as a guide, and the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director, will lead these sessions. KikiMcKendrick@bmpe.org

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., May 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestream. Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., bestselling author and political commentator, will speak on the Ethics of Anti-Racism. He is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. A question and answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Glaude's presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpe.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpe.org

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP. Sat., May 13 and 27, 10:00 a.m., Ministries Center. The Middleton Counseling Center is offering its in-person bereavement support group, Searching for Still Waters, on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. All are welcome; no charge. Dr. Sophia Park, Th.D, M.Div., LMFT, will lead this group. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpe.org

STEPHEN PAULUS' "TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN." Sat., May 13, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Singing City Choir, along with Philharmonia, the Philadelphia Girls Choir, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and featured soloists, will present Paulus' oratorio in commemoration of the nearly one million children who perished in the Holocaust. The program also will feature Arnold Schoenberg's "Friede auf Erden" (Peace on Earth). General admission tickets are \$37 and may be purchased online: www.singingcity.org

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND

CULTURE TRIP. Sat., June 3, 8:45 a.m. departure. Join us for this second opportunity to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. NMAAH is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. It was established by an Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org
Register online: bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip_2

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023: BUILDING THE KINGDOM! Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., for ages three years to fifth grade. Campers must be at least four years old by May 1, 2023 to register. The Three's program is closed due to maximum capacity. Cost is \$50 per camper: <https://bit.ly/BMPCVBC2023>
MaryRichards@bmpc.org

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER. Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This summer we will welcome over 100 children to take part in 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.” Register online: <https://bit.ly/VBCVolunteerRegistration>
MaryRichards@bmpc.org

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP. Sun., July 9 – Fri., July 14. Our summer mission trip is a collaboration with CROSS Missions at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. CROSS Missions is a unique urban outreach program that challenges individuals and groups to move beyond service projects and into a theological understanding of poverty and how Jesus teaches us to be changemakers in the world. Cost: \$350 with scholarships available.
Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCMissionTripNC>
Shayla Jordan, SJordan@bmpc.org

YOUTH CAMP AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA. Sun., Aug. 6 – Fri., Aug. 11. Join us for our annual youth summer camp which is filled with fellowship, fun and faith! All rising sixth through 12th graders are invited to participate. The cost is \$650 with a \$50 early bird discount for those who sign up before May 1; scholarships available. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023>
Shayla Jordan, SJordan@bmpc.org

Calendar

Sunday, April 30

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), 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.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Sunday School, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
		The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Worship Together Sunday for Grades 3 - 5, Sanctuary
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Monday, May 1

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Delivered Out of Empire Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, May 2

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, May 3

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room and Virtual
		Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
		Student Serve, Gymnasium

Thursday, May 4

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads: <i>Learning to Walk in the Dark</i> , Virtual
		Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, May 5

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council, Virtual
7:30 p.m. Eastern University Baccalaureate Ceremony, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7

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

Worship Staff

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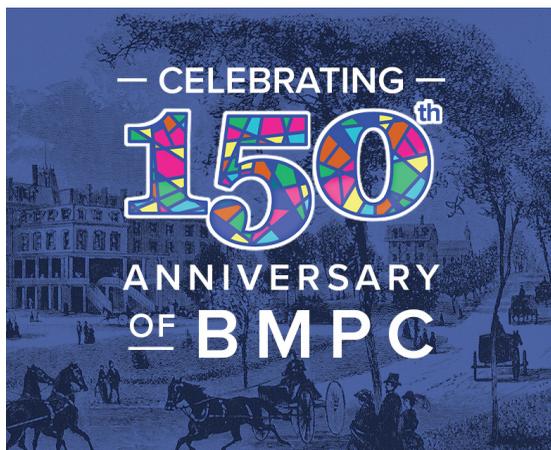
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