

# Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, May 2, 2021

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Put away your cares.

**All: Put away your anxieties.**

One: God has not forsaken us.

**All: God has not forgotten us.**

One: Could a mother forget a child she has nurtured?

**All: Neither will God forget us.**

One: We are imprinted on the palms of God's hands.

**All: God is with us.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

God of endless possibility,

we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us.

Caught up in our own hopes, plans and fantasies,

and crushed when they disappoint us,

we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us.

Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us,

and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**HYMN** 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 John 4:7-21

Jonathan L. Walton

**SERMON**

*Shadowboxing with Love*

Jonathan L. Walton

**ANTHEM**

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child. Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Agnes W. Norfleet

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 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

BENEDICTION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Variation

César Franck

*Today's Baptism*

Robert Price Good

Son of Meredith & Rob Good

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## *Theologian-in-Residence*

**THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE.** This Sunday morning we are honored to welcome Dr. Jonathan Walton, Dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University, as our preacher. Dr. Walton, our Theologian in Residence, is an outspoken advocate for social justice and civil rights. His work and insights have been featured in several national and international news outlets. Prior to joining Wake Forest's administration, he served as the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

**THE NARCISSISM OF MINOR DIFFERENCES: A GOSPEL CHALLENGE TO PURITY, RANK AND HIERARCHY.** Sun., May 2, 2:00 p.m., via Zoom Webinar. Our second lecture with Dr. Jonathan Walton features a conversation and Q&A with a distinguished panel of local leaders and scholars including the Rev. Steven Lawrence, Assistant Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall, Pastor, New River Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; and Dr. Anthea Butler, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Pre-registration is required. Registration will remain open even after the webinar begins. Register here:

<https://bit.ly/Theologian-in-Residence-Webinar-2021>

## *This Week*

**THURSDAY BOOK GROUP: NEW BOOK, SOUL SURVIVOR.** Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. 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](mailto: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 9 worship service in the Sanctuary. Capacity is limited to 200 participants. Pre-register here: <http://bit.ly/registration-may9>

**INFANT FORMULA DRIVE-THRU & DROP-OFF COLLECTION.** Sundays, May 9 and May 16. 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 with the Maternity Care Coalition that works to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and parenting families. On May 9, those attending in-person worship may drop donations in bins in the Narthex. On May 16, 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.

## Upcoming

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

Sun., May 16, 2:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m., on the BMPC Campus. As we reflect on the wisdom offered by Dr. Jonathan L. Walton, our 2021 Theologian in Residence, we are offering an opportunity to read and discuss his book *A Lens of Love* in person. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this conversation. Please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/lens-of-love> to reserve a copy of the book and to register to attend. Questions? [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@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>

**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](http://www.facebook.com/brynmawrpres), the BMPC YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/brynmawrpres](http://www.youtube.com/user/brynmawrpres) or the livestream page on the church website: [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream)