

MAY 15, 2022 10:30 AM

WELCOME

Darren Mayberry Wright

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on HOUSTON

Rebecca G. Te Velde
Robbie Jones, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Ahle/Clausnitzer
Sanctuary Choir

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee,
by thy teachings sweet and holy drawn from earth to love thee solely.

†GREETING

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

Voices of all ages joining together to praise the Lord.

Alleluia!

†HYMN NO. 604

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker, source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own, now we come before you, while we adore you.

Not our own holiness nor that we have striven brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.

Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.

Baptize with joy and power, give, O Dove descending, life never ending.

Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one Lord, one faith, one source of every merit.

Here now renew your church through this water given; grant peace from heaven.

†PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Festival Alleluia

Roderick Evans

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia.

Of all created things of earth and sky, of earth and sky,
of God and man, things lowly and things high,

Refrain: we sing this day with thankful hearts and say,
O we sing alleluia, o sing alleluia.

Of sun and moon the lamps of night and day,
of stars and the planets sounding on their way, *R*
Of all that lives and moves the winds ablow,
of fire and old ocean's never ending flow, *R*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18

Sarah and Kurt Shepherd

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heather Harriss

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.**

*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

OFFERING

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

IVERSON

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**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)**

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

(sung responses hymnal, page 53)

Members of the household of God, do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the scriptures
of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

†HYMN NO. 332

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

BEALOTH

**Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,
and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood.
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,
who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.**

**No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
O that the world might know the all-toning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;
the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,
and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.**

**Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive,
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,
and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.**

†WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully
to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BENEDICTION

Initiated into Christ's holy church.

Incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation.

Given new birth through water and the Spirit.

**We acknowledge what God is doing for us and affirm our commitment to proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

CHORAL BLESSING

Behold, I Make All Things New

Aaron David Miller
Sanctuary Choir

Behold, behold I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

arr. Michael Burkhardt
Gayle Sullivan, organist

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the Carillon Ringers.

The rosebud on the altar celebrates the birth of Jack Duke Budslick, son of Allison and Paul Budslick,
brother of Bea, grandson of Mary Jane and Phil Duke, nephew and cousin of Ellen, Matthew, Max, and Jon Haber.
Jack was born May 5, 2022.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Sanctuary Choir; Robbie Jones, organist
Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministry
Bruce Williams, Technical Coordinator
Cindy Caldwell, Mike Graves, Wanda Webb, David Henry, Larry Beasley, streaming

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carillon Ringers concert today - This afternoon at 2:00pm in the sanctuary, the Carillon Ringers will present a concert. Go to belmontumc.org/upcoming-music-events for details.

Conversation with Ukrainian citizens - On Thursday, May 19, at 7:00pm, Belmont UMC's United Women in Faith will present a program via Facebook live featuring a conversation with citizens from Ukraine, who will speak about the effects of the war. Go to belmontumc.org/ukraine for details.

Open Door Singers commissioning concert - During the worship service next Sunday, May 22, plan to attend the Open Door Singers youth choir commissioning concert at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Go to belmontumc.org/upcoming-music-events for details.

Scholarships available - The Bowman Scholarship has been renamed the Belmont Opportunity Scholarship, and it is time apply for it. The application deadline is June 1. Go to belmontumc.org/belmont-opportunity-scholarship for details.

Encore "Welcome Back" lunch - On Sunday, June 5, at 11:30am, Encore Ministries will host a "Welcome Back" lunch for Belmont UMC's senior adults in the Community Center. The reservation deadline is Monday, May 30. Go to belmontumc.org/encore-lunch for details.

Becca Stevens to lead 2022 All-Church Retreat - We are very excited to share that Rev. Becca Stevens, founder and President of Thistle Farms, will be the speaker for our All-Church Retreat, on October 14-16, in Beersheba Springs, TN. Go to belmontumc.org/all-church-retreat to learn more.

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