

GATHERING

Bill Cooper, pianist

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

†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!

SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Learning Something New

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone in need of God's love is invited.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

Please register your attendance in the pew pad or with the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

You may give online by visiting belmontumc.org/give, texting BELMONT to 73256, scanning the giving QR code, contacting Sara Christi (bookkeeper@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft, or mailing your offering to the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

†DOXOLOGY

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**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!**

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.**

POSTLUDE

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God 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 LEADER
Bruce Williams, Technical Coordinator

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.

Want more news and announcements?

Email angie@belmontumc.org to sign up for our weekly "Upcoming Events" and "Belmont News" emails.

Our staff is always ready to assist you!

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