

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

8:10AM

WELCOME

Bruce Williams

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

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Lloyd Larson
Christy Perkey, pianist

†GREETING

Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day.¹

†HYMN NO. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

FOREST GREEN

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,

descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.

**Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**

**Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.**

**Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.**

**Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.**

**So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-18

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please register your attendance in the pew pad or with the QR code.

You may place your offering on the rail as you come forward to receive Communion, give online at belmontumc.org/give, text BELMONT to 73256, scan the giving QR code, contact Sara Christi (bookkeeper@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft, or mail your offering to the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

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 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 is invited.

In Christ Alone

arr. Lloyd Larson

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.**

†BENEDICTION

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life;
may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way.
And may the blessing of the Holy One—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—rest with you now and forever more.
Amen.²

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. L. Shackley

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Liturgy selected by Heather Harriss.

¹from Ministry Matters

²written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 28

For a digital version of this newsletter with color photos and live links, go to belmontumc.org/about/newsletter.

Upcoming holiday closing

The church and its offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Open Door Singers homecoming concert

This Thursday, June 1, at 6:00pm, the Open Door Singers will return from Chicago and present their choir tour homecoming concert in the sanctuary. Make plans to attend!

You are invited to a conversation on Belmont UMC's global outreach

On Monday, June 5, from 5:00-6:15pm, we will gather in room 204 for our next Outreach Collaborative and focus on Belmont UMC's global outreach. The meeting is open to all who are interested in learning and joining the conversation.

We will begin with a review of our global outreach which primarily includes Mexico, Malawi, East Congo (DRC), and our shared mission around the world through Global Ministries. Then we'll do a deeper dive into our Malawi partnership and hear some of the highlights, learning, and challenges from Heather and Steve's recent visit there. Finally, we'll discuss the larger question before us: the shape and character of our global commitments moving forward. Does our mission as Belmont UMC include partnering with the church in other countries to help them grow the love of God and neighbor among people in their parts of the world? If so, where and how do we hear God calling us to invest ourselves? What are our next steps?

If you prefer to attend via Zoom, contact Steve Bryant (bryantstephen327@gmail.com) for access. Steve Bryant and Gayle Morin are our Outreach Committee co-chairs.

Summer of Service 2023

Did you know that 64% of the third graders in Nashville public schools cannot read above grade level? If you can read, you can help. The Outreach Committee is working with three summer programs (Project Transformation, Brighter Days, and Nashville Freedom School) for kids in underserved neighborhoods that would value your participation on a one-time or more frequent basis. If you have 20 minutes to read, there are time slots each morning for a volunteer reader.

If you are willing to share a skill or lead an afternoon activity that would be fun for kids ages K-8, please let us know and we can help you make the connection. Fresh fruit for snacks is always welcome. A list of ideas for projects can be found on our website; we encourage you to add your own suggestion if there is a project or activity you would like to lead. For planning purposes, please submit your name and project idea by Wednesday, June 7.

More information can be found at belmontumc.org/summer-of-service. You can also contact Gayle Morin (gaylemorin@comcast.net); Steve Bryant (bryantstephen327@gmail.com), or Mary Crichton (marycsk8@att.net) if you have questions or would like to participate.

Guest handbell choir coming to Belmont UMC

On Wednesday, June 21, at 7:00pm, Belmont UMC is delighted to host the Wesley Bell Ringers of Christ UMC in Salt Lake City, Utah, for a concert in the sanctuary. This will be the tenth concert on the choir's 57th annual summer tour and will feature 21 teenaged ringers playing more than 150 handbells and hand chimes. The concert will include Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, Bach's *Little Fugue*, excerpts from their 2022 Christmas season, and selections from noted handbell composers and arrangers.

Make plans to welcome and extend warm hospitality to our special guests.

Community Care Fellowship spring drive

Belmont UMC is having a spring drive to replenish Community Care Fellowship's (CCF) inventory. CCF serves Christ by offering hope, love, and resources to our neighbors experiencing housing insecurity. Learn more about them at ccfnashville.org.

We are collecting the following basic items for our guests: white t-shirts (in sizes L, XL, men's underwear (boxers and briefs L, XL), women's underwear (panties 7, 8, 9), laundry detergent, and reading glasses (2.5, 3, 3.5).

For questions, contact Joaquin Garcia (jgarcia@twkumc.org). Items can be left in the box in the Iris Room entrance.

HERO collection will continue into June

Our HERO collection for May and June is NEW underwear in all sizes for boys, girls, men, and women (high schoolers are often adult-sized). New or *gently used* sports bras, training bras, and any other pullover-style bras are also needed to stock in-school closets. Our 'clean out' ask is for *gently used* indoor/outdoor fans. Please place underwear and fans in the collection box. Solid

color polo-style shirts and khaki, black and navy pants, shorts or skirts are always welcome as part of the ongoing school uniform collection effort.

HERO provides resources for families experiencing homelessness. For more information go to belmontumc.org/hero. Thank you for your support.

Pride volunteers needed

Pride is right around the corner, and we need volunteers! This year's Pride festival will take place on Saturday, June 24, and Sunday, June 25, at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. Local United Methodist churches will all be stationed next to each other, and we will serve Communion.

Belmont UMC's booth (including a photo booth) will be open 11:00am-8:00pm on June 24, and 11:00am-7:00pm on June 25. We need four volunteers per each two-hour shift. Stay tuned for sign up information and plan to come help us show the love of Christ to members of the LGBTQ+ community!

Questions? Contact Alisa Bradford (alisaejones@yahoo.com).

June Communion offering

Your Communion offering next Sunday, June 4, will support this year's Annual Conference special offering. Each year at the gathering of United Methodist churches in our area, the Conference collects a special offering for a particular ministry. This year, that offering will support The Vine, a new hybrid community (online and in-person) of faith of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

You can contribute to our June Communion offering until Sunday, June 11, by writing a check to Belmont UMC with "The Vine" in the memo line. You can also give online at onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/give/AC or Text "BELMONT TWK" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Newsletter items

Have an announcement, article, photo, or calendar item for the Sunday newsletter? Send it to Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org) no later than 4:00pm on Wednesdays. The congregation loves seeing photos of and articles about group activities, service projects, outings, etc., so if your Sunday school class, ministry team, or small group has something to share, please send it to Angie.

Zoom meeting requests

If your Sunday school class, committee, or other small group needs to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org). She will set up the meeting and send you the Zoom link to distribute to your group.

THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC

SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:00am Open Door Singers depart for choir tour
8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live
9:15am Adult, youth, and children's Sunday school, various rooms
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live

MONDAY, MAY 29

Church offices closed for Memorial Day holiday

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

8:00am Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom
6:00pm Open Door Singers homecoming concert, sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live
 9:15am Adult, youth, and children’s Sunday school, various rooms
 10:30am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/Facebook live
 12:00pm Children’s Ministry day of service @ South End UMC

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!

Go to belmontumc.org/staff for contact information.

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