

JUNE 4, 2023

10:30AM

**WELCOME**

Emma Bushong

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

**PRELUDE**

*Ave Verum Corpus*

William Byrd

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

**†GREETING**

God the Creator is in this place.

**The love of God is with us.**

Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.

**The grace of our Lord is with us.**

The Holy Spirit is in this place.

**The communion of the Spirit is with us.**

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

**God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever. Amen.¹**

**†HYMN NO. 660**

*God Is Here*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of your Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit, here the Word has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive;  
we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**†PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

*I Will Sing with the Spirit*

John Rutter

I will sing with the spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
And I will sing with the understanding also, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Creator, Christ, Comforter**

Paul Purdue

**THE GREAT THANKGIVING**

Kate Fields, Keller Hawkins

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

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## 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.**

## BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP

*As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.  
Communion offering supports The Vine.*

*Aria  
Let Us Break Bread Together  
Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

Paul Manz  
Hymn No. 618  
traditional Latin

## 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.**

## †HYMN NO. 374

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

**Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.**

***Refrain:* Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. R**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. R**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. R**

## †BENEDICTION

God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

**we go, to reflect the presence of our Creator to everyone we meet.**

Jesus, who has redeemed you, has established the reign of God in our midst:

**we go, to bring healing to the broken of the world.**

The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people, goes with you to many places:

**we go, to tear down the walls that divide us, and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.**

And now, may the peace of the rolling waves, the peace of the silent mountains, the peace of the singing stars,  
and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace, be with you now and forever.

**Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

## †CHORAL BLESSING

*Behold, I Make All Things New*

John Bell

Behold, I make all things new beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro pomposo*

T. Roseingrave  
Robbie Jones, organist

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†You are invited to stand as you are able.

### ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Robbie Jones, organist

Sanctuary Choir

Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministry

Liturgy selected by Ingrid McIntyre.

<sup>1</sup>from [re-worship.blogspot.com](http://re-worship.blogspot.com).

<sup>2</sup>written by Thom Shuman and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog.

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 4

*For a digital version of this newsletter with color photos and live links, go to [belmontumc.org/about/newsletter](http://belmontumc.org/about/newsletter).*

### June Communion offering

Your Communion offering today 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 of faith (online and in-person) of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. This new community of faith will be distributed throughout the state of Tennessee, Western Kentucky, and beyond. It will provide a church home for people who wish to remain United Methodist, but whose churches voted to disaffiliate, as well as for people who seek genuine connection outside the traditional church experience. You can learn more about this new ministry at [thevineumc.church](http://thevineumc.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](http://onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/give/AC) or text "BELMONT TWK" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

### Represent the United Methodist Church in the Pride parade

This year's Nashville Pride parade will take place on Saturday, June 24, on Broadway. All local United Methodist churches will be marching together; we have space for 150 people. Lineup will be at 9:15am, and the march will begin at 10:00am. We will wear matching t-shirts this year, so please sign up ASAP at [belmontumc.org/pride](http://belmontumc.org/pride) to make sure the correct size is reserved for you. T-shirts will be provided at no cost. Make plans to come represent Belmont UMC at Nashville Pride!

### Conversation on Belmont UMC's global outreach

Tomorrow, 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](mailto:bryantstephen327@gmail.com)) for access. Steve Bryant and Gayle Morin, are our Outreach Committee co-chairs.

## **Summer of Service 2023**

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 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.

## **2023 ESL student authors celebrated**

Belmont UMC celebrated the writing and storytelling skills of more than a dozen English as a Second Language (ESL) students whose essays were chosen to be read aloud at the *Belmont ESL Writes!* event in April. This is the first time the program recognized the writers in an annual gathering since 2019, before the pandemic cancelled two years of class gatherings.

The students' stories were selected to be read aloud by independent reviewers, volunteers read the essays to fellow students, church staff, community guests, and former students and teachers. These stories have been put into a booklet that can be read or downloaded at [belmontumc.org/outreach/english-classes](http://belmontumc.org/outreach/english-classes).

The Belmont ESL Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023 went to Patsy Lanigan, who assists in the classroom and goes out of her way to lift up ESL students.

## **Ukrainian harpist coming to Belmont UMC**

On Sunday, June 18, at 6:00pm, make plans to join us in the sanctuary for a harp concert featuring Ukrainian harpist Veronika Lemishenko. Veronika will perform music based on the traditional music of Ukraine. She is visiting Tennessee, hosted by The Harp School, Inc. Artistic Director Carol McClure, raising money for The Veronika Lemishenko Charitable Foundation that provides financial assistance to volunteer organizations, medical institutions, animal shelters in Kharkiv, Ukraine and other Ukrainian cities, as well as targeted assistance to Ukrainian victims of the war. A love offering will be collected after the concert to help the people of Ukraine.

Make plans to attend this concert to show support for the people of Ukraine and enjoy an evening of Ukrainian music with a world-renowned harpist. Go to [belmontumc.org/harpist](http://belmontumc.org/harpist) to learn more.

## **Youth choir tour**



The Open Door Singers began their choir tour on Sunday, May 28, by singing for worship at First Christian Church in Bowling Green (pictured above). From there, they traveled to Chicago; during the rest of the week they visited various sites, sang for the Misericordia home in Evanston, IL, and St. Marks UMC in Carmel, Indiana.

**THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC**

**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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

- 10:00am      Lectio Divina, Zoom
- 6:00pm       Gentle yoga, Zoom
- 7:00pm       Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

- 8:00am       Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom
- 6:30pm       Advocacy Team, Zoom

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

- 8:10am       Worship, chapel/Facebook live
- 9:15am       Adult, youth, and children’s Sunday school, various rooms
- 10:30am      Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live

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