

**WELCOME**

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

**PRELUDE**

Amanda Dembiec, pianist

**†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.<sup>1</sup>**

**†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**

**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 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](http://belmontumc.org/give), text BELMONT to 73256, scan the giving QR code, contact Sara Christi ([bookkeeper@belmontumc.org](mailto: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.*

## 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

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>**

## POSTLUDE

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†You are invited to stand as you are able.

# 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

**Want more news and announcements?**

Email [angie@belmontumc.org](mailto: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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