



Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

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Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

*The flowers today are for the Glory of God, and
in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Month, and to the volunteers
at Just Creations who dedicate their time to help promote fair trade
and a living wage for workers, craftsmen, and artisans.
by Cheri Baize*

LITURGIST – Daniel Rapp

MUSIC— Jeanie Grosz and Choir

TECHNICAL- Doug Rapp/Clare Lewis

WELCOME-- Rev. Mark Eldred

PRELUDE – “When in Our Music God is Glorified” by C. V. Stanford - Jeanie

***please stand as you are able in body and/or spirit**

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Liturgist

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us not, O God, and take us to the water.

One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

One: In the bread and the cup, the body of our Savior
nourishes everyone.

All: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Let us worship God! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #611. “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION* -- Liturgist

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne the fruit
of the Spirit.**

We have not loved others as you have loved us.

**We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.**

**Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON* -- Liturgist

You have already been cleansed by the Word that
God has spoken to you.

In baptism God claimed you
and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

Believe the promise given to you:
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE -- Liturgist

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us respond as we are able
in sharing the peace of Christ
with those from our church
and in our world.

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION- Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8

1 John 4:7-21 Liturgist

4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

4:9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

4:11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:1-8 Pastor Mark

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

15:2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

15:3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

15:6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

MEDITATION - "God is Love" Pastor Mark

CHORAL ANTHEM "I am the Vine" by B. Red

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - the Apostle's Creed --

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC "If Ye Love Me" T. Tallis

***DOXOLOGY #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"**

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

POSTLUDE “Kingsfold” R. V. Williams

***BENEDICTION**

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The **BRP NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has created a form for the nomination of new elders. The forms are in the rear of the sanctuary.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES All Graduates — College, High School and Middle School are encouraged to let the church office know of your impending graduation. We at BRP like to acknowledge such accomplishments.

PASTOR MARK

Pastor Mark will be away from Tuesday April 30 through Thursday May 2. Rev. Bill Williamson will be managing pastoral care. His phone number is 502-415-5469.

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