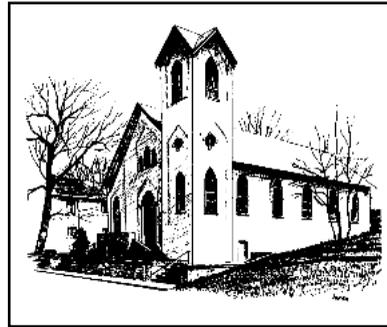


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Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
PRELUDE

APPROACH TO THE WORD

OPENING WORDS

Ephesians 5: 1 NRSV

Leader: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

As the eagle takes wing, and the great trees reach to the sky, may we grow into the people that You, Lord, have made us to be. In this day, capture our hearts and minds anew. Grace our worship with songs and praise. We pray as our Lord has taught: "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(traditional)

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*HYMN 393

O Day of Radiant Gladness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, in our confession, lead us away from our false conceits, sloth, and cynicism to your grace anew. We confess that we have failed to love you and others as we could. We live divided lives, separating the holy from the profane, rather than living and witnessing to your transforming power and love.

Lord, help us live with integrity and hope all our days. We turn to you in silent prayer... (Amen)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

* PRAYER RESPONSE

(Unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

John 11: 1-45

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Knock, Knock. Who's There?

Bob

Osborne

*HYMN 728

Somebody's Knockin' at My Door

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed (ecumenical)

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*GLORIA

(Words below)

Hymn 583

"Gloria, Gloria!. In excelsis Deo.

(Gloria, gloria, to God in the highest

Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia, Alleluia".

Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, Alleluia!)

THE RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology *(note alternative tune)*

New Hymnal 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMUNION HYMN 516

For the Bread which You Have Broken verses 1,2, and 4

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Distribution of the Elements

*HYMN 822 When We Are Living verses 1 and 4

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

**congregation stands as able*

We hope you find Christ's blessing and presence among us in our service of worship. If you have any questions or would be interested in joining this church, please, don't hesitate to speak to the minister or one of the members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Large Print hymnals and bulletins are available upon request

Join us for Soup and Silence following worship today. All are welcome!

Session will meet in its Stated Meeting today following the Soup and Silence after worship.

We will have Maundy Thursday Communion following a Covered dish dinner on April 13 at 6:00 p.m..

*The 2017 Lenten Luncheons are held at the Word of Deliverance Church just up from Berkeley Baptist Church on Winchester Grade Rd. The Morgan County Clergy Association is grateful for the support from the church and its pastor, Lisa Unger. Remaining Dates:
April 5-Lloyd McCanna-Morgan Charge provides lunch
April 12 Anne Murphy-Oswald - Unity & Wesleyan Chapel provide lunch.*

*SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN present THE SPRING GATHERING Saturday, April 21-23, 2017 **Reframing Eve.** The Garden Eden has a terrible litter problem! It is knee deep in our prejudices and preconceptions. The retreat will provide an opportunity for women to engage in interpretive litter control by reconsidering the Genesis portrait of the most maligned woman in all of scripture. We will engage in close study of Eve's story, consider influential misreadings of it as well as new insights provided by feminist rereadings, and reflect on ways in which it has impacted, and continues to impact, our imaginations, beliefs, attitudes, behavior, art and popular culture. A sample brochure is available in the narthex – another from Paula.
*PS It is helpful in planning if you can send your registration ASAP. (available in the office or from Paula Osborne)**

Contributions to the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church Foundation or to the Capital Improvement Fund are always welcome and needed. The Foundation has been used not only for new ministry trials, it also has been used to support the budget. Now more than ever, your contributions to the church and its programs are important. One of the upcoming projects will be to replace the rail that rusted out and fell on the upper parking level on Market Street. Another project that will soon be underway is to replace the windows and kitchen door on the Education Building.

New Group Study: Pastor's Roundtable A new roundtable study will begin soon and will typically focus on the upcoming scriptures for Sundays, but will also take time to study other texts and subjects that come up. All are invited, so bring friends. Likely startup on Tuesday evenings following Easter.

It is fascinating to attend to the speakers in the Lenten Luncheon Series. All have been good

and all have addressed particular aspects of Lent and Easter. I was taken to listen to a passionate talk about the power of addiction and how we address it. Particularly, drugs. To be sure, we are near ground zero in the opiate and prescription drug overdose area of the nation. I especially liked that Pastor Joe Giles of Berkeley Baptist talked about the way that most of us deal with the drug crisis and addiction in our area. His key point is that we are all addicted to sin in some way or another. We all need healing and salvation. And we are all called to address the problems and issues with addictions in the area. As he tried to get a grip on the problem it turned out that different churches are trying different strategies to combat the problem. Yet, it continues, and most of us have been bewildered by how to address drug addictions. Like homelessness, like poor educational results, like poor nutrition, and incarcerations, there are so many overlapping problems that we don't often address in love. Sooner or later the Christian and other communities will no longer be able to deny the problem. We will have join with agencies and the state in reaching out to those affected, not least because of the children involved. See, the Lenten Luncheons can address real problems within our community.

Easter Flowers, Contributions may be made for Easter flowers in honor or memory of loved ones – or simply to the glory of God. We are not absolutely sure of the quantity or types of flowers but lilies are running in the range of \$12 and hydrangeas are \$18 respectively.

I wish to contribute _\$_____ for the Easter flowers in worship to the glory of God and / or in honor or memory of _____

By _____

We received \$ 1,250 in offerings last week. To meet the 2017 budget we will need to receive at least \$ 1,187 for each of the remaining weeks of the year.

Please remember the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church in your will or estate planning

Invite a friend to church

Readings for Holy Days and Sundays/ New Revised Common Lectionary

Palm/Passion Sunday—April 9 Sixth Sunday in Lent
Liturgy of the Palms
 Matthew 21:1–11 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Liturgy of the Passion
 Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Matthew 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54
 Monday of Holy Week—April 10
 Isaiah 42:1–9 Psalm 36:5–11 Hebrews 9:11–15 John 12:1–11
 Tuesday of Holy Week—April 11
 Isaiah 49:1–7 Psalm 71:1–14 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 John 12:20–36
 Wednesday of Holy Week—April 12
 Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1–3 John 13:21–32
 Maundy Thursday—April 13
 Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35
 Good Friday—April 14
 Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 John 18:1–19:42
 Easter Vigil—April 15
A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.
 Genesis 1:1–2:4a Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26
 Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1–18 Psalm 16
Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21 Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18
 Isaiah 55:1–11 Isaiah 12:2–6
 Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4 or Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6 Psalm 19
 Ezekiel 36:24–28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1–14
 Psalm 143
 Zephaniah 3:14–20 Psalm 98 Romans 6:3–11 Psalm 114 Matthew 28:1–10
 Resurrection of the Lord—April 16 Easter Sunday
 Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10
Easter Evening
 Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 Luke 24:13–49
 Second Sunday of Easter—April 23
 Acts 2:14a, 22–3 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3–9 John 20:19–31
 Third Sunday of Easter—April 30
 Acts 2:14a, 36–41 Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 1 Peter 1:17–23 Luke 24:13–35

March 28, 2017

Study resource by Mary Beth Anton available as free download

by Emily Enders Odom / *Presbyterian News Service*

LOUISVILLE – “Theological Conversations”—a series of papers designed to invite congregational leaders in the PC(USA) into theological conversation wherever they gather as sessions, presbyteries or for adult education in congregations—began as a way to create space for conversations accessible to all church members. Each paper is a study resource with accompanying questions for conversation or reflection, suitable for use by both individuals and groups.

This year constitutes a milestone for the series in the celebration of the *500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*. Each 2017 conversation will focus on the question “As Presbyterians, what gifts from the Reformation do we have that we can bring forward in the next 500 years, for the sake of the church and the world?”

The latest paper, “*Words Matter*” was written by the Rev. Mary Beth Anton, a PC(USA) pastor in the Presbytery of Tres Rios. Anton, a graduate of Concordia University Irvine and Princeton Theological Seminary, has served in small, medium and large congregations, and as a day school chaplain. Her most recent position was as administrative pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.

In her paper, Anton maintains that the Reformers took words very seriously because they took the accessibility of the Word seriously.

“Words matter for Presbyterian Christians, and Anton helps us understand why that is the case,” said the Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D., coordinator of Theological Education and Seminary Relations for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, who oversees the “Theological Conversations” series. “If words can be used in a sloppy or vicious way, they can also be used to love, heal and communicate God’s love. This is a gift of the Reformed tradition that we don’t often highlight.”

Anton’s paper and others released in the 2017 and previous years’ series are available as free downloads on the “Theological Conversations” webpage. The 2017 series will include one paper written in Spanish and one in Korean.

To download Mary Beth Anton’s paper and other studies in the series, visit the Theological Conversations webpage <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/theological-conversations/>.

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