

# Berwyn Presbyterian Church

## 6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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### THE GATHERING

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn off your cell phones for worship.*

*\* indicates please stand if you are able. Congregation reads words in **bold**.*

*GG indicates Glory to God Hymnal found in the pews.*

*This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page channel.*

**Prelude** Sing a New Song unto the Lord *Daniel L. Schutte*

### Ringing of the Hour

**Prelude** He Has Done Great Things for Me *Shirley M.K. Berkeley*

### Welcome

#### \* Call to Worship

We join with all creation in praise to God

**for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless!**

We sing because of God's great love

**which bears us in fullness beyond compare.**

\* Hymn GG 15 All Creatures of Our God and King *Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623*

*(see next page for hymn)*

# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts  
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -  
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam,            sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear.            Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way,            sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears,            sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 LM with alleluias  
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

**\* Call to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be your obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* The Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)*

**\* Welcome Song**

You're Welcome in the Name of the Lord

*Traditional Cameroon*

You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,  
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.

We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord,  
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.

*(Visitors, welcome, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*Prayer request cards will be collected later in the service, please prepare them ahead of time.)*

## **THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Bible Psalm 98**

A Psalm.

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**



## Message for Children

*Rev. Ulmer*

### New Testament John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**



He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

*Leader:* Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

- ... that we may have light
- ... that we may have peace
- ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.

TEXT: Cameroon song  
MUSIC: Cameroon melody; transcr. and arr. John L. Bell, 1986  
Music Arr. © 1986 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

## Affirmation of Faith

(from Confession of Belhar)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.**

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

*Traditional*

**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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Leader: Let us continue in prayer...

### Breaking of the Bread

### Communion of the People

*Those worshipping in the Sanctuary will share communion by coming forward down the center aisle to the front of the Sanctuary. You will be served the bread by the Pastor and the cup by the Elder. Pause for a moment and stand at the station to receive communion. Eat the bread when served, then move to the next server, take the cup, and drink the cup when served while standing at the station. When finished place the used cup in the basket and return to your seat by the side aisle. We have all the time we need.*

## Prayer after Communion

# THE THANKSGIVING

## Announcements

### Call for the Offering

In response to the love of God in God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ,  
**we give now our tithes and our offerings.**

### Doxology 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Genevan Psalter*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH  
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### \* Prayer of Dedication



# THE SENDING

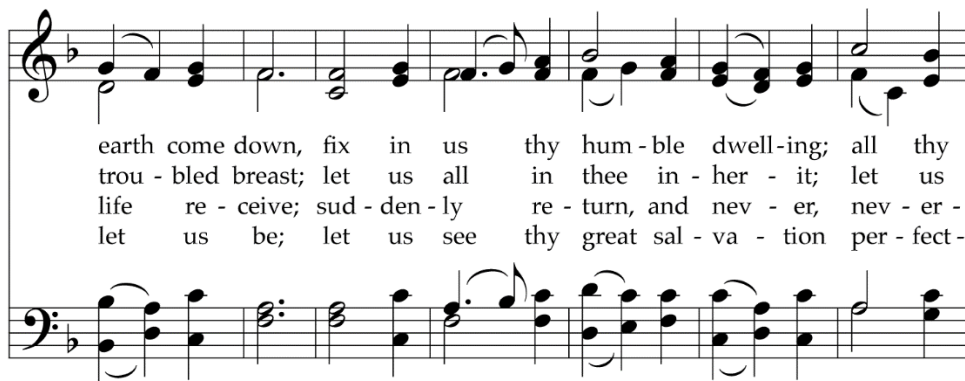
\* Hymn GG 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

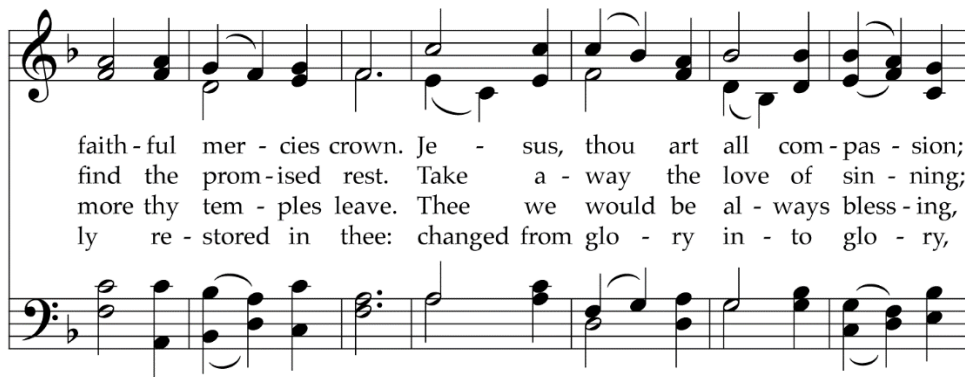
Rowland Hugh Prichard



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.  
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYFRYDOL  
 8.7.8.7.D

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response**

Amen

*African American spiritual*

**\* Postlude**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Ludwig van Beethoven*

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# Weekly News – May 5, 2024

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**Thank you for joining us online today.** We are delighted for the opportunity to worship God with you. Please feel at home and join us again. Visitors are encouraged to drop us a line at our church website: <https://berwynpresbyterianchurch.net>, or to write to the church email address: [berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com). We would love to be in touch.

**NOTE:** Prelude will start at 10:20 a.m. The church bell will ring at 10:25 a.m. between two Preludes. Come a little early and relax with a few minutes of music before the start of the service.



## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:**

The Rev. Holly Ulmer, *Minister*  
Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, *Music Director*  
Elder Victoria Uche, *Worship Associate*

## **SUPPORTING WORSHIP TODAY:**

Camera, Facebook and sound system operation provided by the Berwyn Stream Team.  
Members of the Choir (*recorded music or in person*)  
Lydia Kengwa and Ola Isu, *Deacons, Ushers*

**THIS WORSHIP SERVICE IS BEING LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET.  
YOU MAY APPEAR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CHANNEL.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** will be collected during the worship service. Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pew racks so you will be ready to pass it in at the appropriate time.

## **TIME FOR PRAYERS with the Board of Deacons**

Sundays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all prayers. Members are encouraged to join by zoom or telephone by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559134324?pwd=YkszemlaTDJMMzJpeWZqR3ZjcU9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 5913 4324

Passcode: 478708

For more details, contact Elder Victoria Uche, Worship Chair, or Alain Moudji

**SESSION RETREAT has been rescheduled for May 11, 9:30 am - 12 pm, Blue room, at the Church!**  
Please mark your calendars for this important leadership event.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS will be starting soon!**

Last chance to sign-up for the 2024 year class. Another class won't be offered again until next year, in 2025. If you are interested in the spring confirmation class email Rev. Holly at [revhollyulmer@gmail.com](mailto:revhollyulmer@gmail.com) ASAP!

### **SPRING CLEANING AT BPC**

Deacon Alain Moudji in collaboration with the property management is organizing a 3 day spring cleaning of the church, dates to be announced in worship. We are inviting all members of the congregation to participate in this clean up. For the last 3 years, we haven't taken care of our church building and environment. Students might earn service hours during this time. Please plan to participate in these 3 day sessions. For more details, please contact Deacon Alain Moudji or Elder Shadrack Fogwe.

### **NEW TOTAL FOR PER CAPITA!**

We have received \$1,845 toward the \$4,953 we will pay Presbytery. That is 37%. Thank you!

### **MISS COLLEGE PARK DIAPER DRIVE**

Please donate or share news of the Miss College Park Diaper Drive! A beautifully decorated box is located right outside the chapel. This community service project aims to help parents obtain basic health necessities for their children. Donations are accepted until April 30th. All donations will go to the Greater DC Diaper Bank and the Pregnancy Center on Route 1.

**WANT ENVELOPES?** If you would like a box of offering envelopes, contact Dot Brown, [djbrown7553@gmail.com](mailto:djbrown7553@gmail.com). Conversely, if you have a box of envelopes for 2024 but would rather not have them for 2025, let her know.

### **FEEL FREE TO USE OTHER DOORS**

Door 2 (that goes up to Kidder Hall) was the main entry for worship services until the pandemic. Then after months of being directed to door 5 (front porch), you may have forgotten about using any other door. Door 2 leads up to Kidder Hall and is especially welcome if food is being brought to Kidder Hall for Birthday Sunday. Door 1 (by the office) or door 7 (lower end of the side drive) will also get you into the building and out of the weather more quickly than going to the front door.

### **JOIN THE BPC CHOIR!**

We extend an invitation to newcomers who share our passion for music. If you're interested in joining our vibrant music family, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Music Director, Dr. Gabriel, at [berwynmusic@gmail.com](mailto:berwynmusic@gmail.com). We invite you to attend our choir practice on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, where you can create beautiful melodies with us. We can't wait to make music with you!

### **GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

Thank you for your continued giving to support Berwyn Church! Here are the various ways we can continue to make our contributions and pledges. Choose the most convenient method!

- Pay by your cell phone using CashApp, and texting to **\$B2God** or dialing 301-768-2729 and then checking that the name Rex Powell, treasurer, appears confirming that it is going to the church account.
- U.S. Mail – send your check to Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
- Use BillPay through your bank and they will mail us the check.
- Place your offering in the basket in the sanctuary if you are worshipping in-person.

### **HAVING A MEETING OR OTHER ACTIVITY?**

Be sure to advise Property team members Shadrack Fogwe and Rex Powell well in advance to get it on the office planning calendar if it will be in the church building.

**Also please email Lynne at [berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com) on Mondays** so that it can be included in the calendar part of the Weekly News, whether in-person or by Zoom.

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Rev. Holly Ulmer, Stated Supply Pastor**, please email her at [revhollyulmer@gmail.com](mailto:revhollyulmer@gmail.com)

Rev. Holly is happy to meet with you either in-person or via zoom by setting up an appointment.

**Victoria Uche, Clerk of Session**, send an email to [clerkofsession.berwynpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkofsession.berwynpc@gmail.com)

**Dr. Ophilia Mbah, Moderator, Board of Deacons**, send an email to [deaconboard.bpc@gmail.com](mailto:deaconboard.bpc@gmail.com)

**Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, Music Director**, regarding music at Berwyn or the stream team that operates camera, sound, and Facebook, send an email to [berwynmusic@gmail.com](mailto:berwynmusic@gmail.com)

**THIS WEEK AND NEXT AT BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**Sunday, May 5, 2024 ~ Communion Sunday**

10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)  
6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline ([berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com))  
7:15 pm, Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom, Contact: Natalie Murray)

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

7:30 pm, PW Esther Circle Meeting (Blue Room)

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

9:30 am - 12 pm, Session Retreat (Blue room, at the Church!)

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)  
11:30 am, Birthday Sunday (Kidder Hall)  
6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline ([berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com))

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

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(Contact: Lynne Brady) For Weekly News items, deadline is Tuesday, 12:15 pm.  
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