

Creation Care Sunday

APRIL 7, 2013 10:30 AM

†The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Robbie Jones, organist
arr. Keith Chapman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, O Holy Spirit

Joyful Noise Singers
arr. John L. Bell

This song from Nigeria features Larry Beasley on Cajon drum and Sarah Wood on flute.

†GREETING

PSALM 96

Leader: Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it!

Leader: Let the field exult, and everything in it celebrate!

**All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord.**

†HYMN NO. 92

For The Beauty of the Earth

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†INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Creator God,

**we confess that we have not loved your creation
or done well to protect it.**

We have trampled it under foot,

dirtied your water and air,

exploited its resources for our gain,

and caused great suffering and death to the earth,

our vulnerable neighbors, and all created beings.

**For our actions and inactions to care for your creation,
we ask for forgiveness. Amen. ***

†PARDON AND ASSURANCE

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with signs of Christ's love.

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Send forth your spir - it, O God, send
 forth your spir - it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -
 new the earth, send forth your spir - it, O God.

†SCRIPTURE LESSONS Genesis 1:1-5, 24-28; Romans 8:12-22 CEB

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN NO. 147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

Children ages 3-5 are invited to go to the children's library in Parker Hall

SERMON **An Empty Grave, A New Creation** Adam Kelchner

OFFERING

Please register your attendance as the offering is collected.

OFFERTORY

Amanda Mark, pianist

†DOXOLOGY NO. 94

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mass of Creation

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes

Celebrant: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
 rit. molto rit.
 ho - san - na in the high - est.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes

Celebrant: 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



The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding

Celebrant: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, The United Methodist Church believes in an "open table," where anyone who is in need of God's love is invited.

Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the servers.

Undesignated offering left at the chancel will go towards the Practice of Leadership in Ministry Scholarship at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the hymns.

How Great Thou Art Hymn No. 77

Morning has Broken Hymn No. 145

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale Hymn No. 122

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**All: 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. 152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Hymnal No. 38
John Davis and Stacy Talbott; Ralph Leverett; Eric Patton

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BLESSING Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
Send Forth Your Spirit Marty Haugen

†POSTLUDE Robbie Jones, organist
Song of Triumph J. Guy Ropartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING supports the Practice of Leadership in Ministry Scholarship at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This fund was created to provide scholarship assistance to a full-time student called to leadership in ministry. This new scholarship will be named in honor of Bishop Joseph E. Pennel, Jr., former pastor of Belmont UMC. The gifts will be used to inspire future ministers to pursue their calls and live out their lives of faithful service.

YOUTH PLANT SALE AND CAR WASH Support youth mission trips to Heifer International, Malawi and the Nashville Food project by ordering annuals in flats, pots and beautiful baskets. Order plants today though April 17 in the foyer. Plants will be available to pick up on Saturday, April 20. When you pick up your plants be sure to get your car washed in the church parking lot from 9:00am-12:30pm. Suggested donation is \$10 for a basic wash.

"OUR VOICES" TO BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER WORSHIP is a collection of personal stories and reflections from Belmonsters about why all people, regardless of sexual orientation, should be welcomed at Belmont and other United Methodist churches. The Reconciling Ministry Team has published these stories with the hope that we will realize that this social issue is not just a topic for theological or political debate but a personal matter for many people. Please take a copy, read these stories, and reflect on the importance of making a formal statement that will let everyone, especially LGBT persons, know they are always welcome at Belmont.

SING IN ENDLESS PRAISE, SANCTUARY CHOIR CONCERT, APRIL 21 AT 4:30PM will feature classical and contemporary choral music centered on musical praise. The choir will be accompanied by Robbie Jones on the newly renovated Moller organ and an orchestra of strings, woodwinds, and percussion.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"...2013 CREATION CARE SUMMIT on Saturday, April 27 from 8:30am-2:30pm at West End UMC, the Nashville District Committee on Creation Care will sponsor a day of workshops designed to educate, empower, and equip church members to advance "green team" ministries in local congregations. More information and registration can be found by calling 615-593-2982 or at www.westendumc.org/creationcare.

HOMELESS MINISTRY TEAM EXPRESSES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION to the Sunday School classes, youth, adult choir, other church groups, and individuals who volunteered with Room In The Inn providing 264 homeless men a safe, warm place to spend the night, two meals, and a sack lunch for the following day. Many also took showers and had their clothes washed during their stay with us. Special thanks also to the ladies and staff at Home Place who washed the bed linens each week during the season!

SAVE THE DATES: June 17-21 Music Camp for ages 4-rising 6th graders
October 11-13 All Church Retreat at Beersheba Springs

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT BELMONT: A MID-WEEK MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

5:15-6:00 pm Dinner in the Community Center

Please make reservations on worship registration sheet.

5:45 pm Supervised play for children

6:00 pm Programs for youth and adults

6:15 pm Children's Choirs (3 year olds-6th graders)

7:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

WHAT ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS? A 3-week session led by Pam Hawkins on gifts of the Holy Spirit. What are these gifts? How can we learn which gifts God has given us and how best to use them in mission and service? April 3, 10, and 17 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Community Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LECTIONARY BIBLE DISCUSSION from 6:00-7:00pm in Room 124. Each week a facilitator will lead this time of reflection based upon one or more of the Revised Common Lectionary scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7

- 2:30pm All Church Pick-Up Basketball Game, Recreation Room
- 3:30pm Wesley Ringers (youth), Bell Room
- 4:30pm Open Door Singers (youth), Choir Room
- 5:30pm Confirmation, Room 306
- 5:30pm Carillon Ringers Rehearsal, Room 226
- 5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

Tuesday, April 9

- 10:30am Sarah Circle, Iris Room
- 3:30pm Worship Committee Meeting, Room 201
- 5:30pm Flow Yoga, Community Center (\$10)
- 6:00pm Creation Care Team Meeting, Room 201
- 6:00pm Reconciling Ministries Meeting, Parker Hall

Wednesday, April 10

- 10:00am United Methodist Women Executive Committee, Room 124
- 3:30pm Homebound Ministry Team Meeting, Room 124
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night at Belmont, Community Center
*Please make reservations on worship registration sheet
or call 383-0832 by 9:00am Monday.*
- 6:00pm Lectionary Bible Discussion Group, Room 124
- 6:00pm What Are Your Spiritual Gifts, Community Center
- 6:00pm Gentle Yoga Class, Room 204 (\$10)
- 6:00pm Youth Connect, 3rd Floor
- 6:00pm Knit One, Give Two, Room 120
- 6:15pm Children's Choirs, Children's Choir Room
- 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, April 11

- 9:45am Ruth Circle at Sue Mather's home
- 1:00pm Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Room 226

Saturday, April 13

- 9:00am Youth Garden Work Day

Sunday, April 14

- 11:30am Youth Malawi Team Meeting, Parker Hall
- 2:30pm All Church Pick-Up Basketball Game, Recreation Room
- 3:30pm Wesley Ringers (youth), Bell Room
- 4:30pm Open Door Singers (youth), Choir Room
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WORSHIP NOTES

- ◆ Welcome to Belmont! is a one-session Sunday School class for visitors and others who want to learn more about Belmont United Methodist Church. Our next session is April 28 at 9:15am in the Iris Room.
- ◆ Please honor the worship experience by silencing cell phones, pagers, and watches, and refraining from photography during the service.
- ◆ Nursery care is available for children. Please ask an usher for directions.
- ◆ During the second hymn, children ages 3-5 are invited to attend Children's Church, following the light of the Christ candle to Parker Hall.
- ◆ Hearing devices, large print bulletins and hymnals are located in the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- ◆ Children's worship bags are located in the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Please return the bags to the narthex at the end of the service.
- ◆ Please sign the attendance pad. Make sure you pass it back along the pew and make note of those sitting around you.
- ◆ Restrooms are located in Parker Hall, beneath the sanctuary. Stairs to Parker Hall are located at the rear of the sanctuary on either side.
- ◆ If you would like to know more about joining the church, want to express a joy or concern, or make a suggestion, feel free to speak with one of the ministry staff at the chancel rail or exit doors of the sanctuary.
- ◆ If you would like more information about Belmont United Methodist Church and our ministries, please go online at www.belmontumc.org.



If you would like to give to the ministries at Belmont, you may choose to use your phone to scan the QR code and follow the directions. You may also choose online at www.belmontumc.org click "Give to Belmont" and follow the directions under "Online Donation".

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of
Lynda & John Wagster by Wini Smith.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Adam Kelchner, Pastor of Mission and Outreach
Ken Edwards, Senior Pastor
Pam Hawkins, Associate Pastor
Heather Harriss, Children's Pastor
Allison Henry, liturgist
Sarah Wood, Music Intern/Sanctuary Choir director
Jennifer Bagwell and Emily Watson, Directors of Joyful Noise Singers
Robbie Jones, organist
Ben Pearce, acolyte
Ryan Acree, sound technician

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ken Edwards	Adam Kelchner	Pam Hawkins	Heather Harriss	John Nay
Kim Hawkins	Jane DuBose	Dale Plummer	Allison Henry	Dan Feather