

# WELCOME

## THANKS FOR JOINING US!

MARCH 19, 2023

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Once you lived in darkness.

**People: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**People: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**People: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*1 AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING WITH A BRIGHT AND WARMING FLAME, SO THE CHURCH IS MEANT FOR MISSION, GIVING GLORY TO GOD'S NAME.*

*NOT TO PREACH OUR CREEDS OR CUSTOMS, BUT TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF CARE, WE JOIN HANDS ACROSS THE NATIONS, FINDING NEIGHBORS EVERYWHERE.*

*AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING*

*2 WE ARE LEARNERS; WE ARE TEACHERS; WE ARE PILGRIMS ON THE WAY. WE ARE SEEKERS; WE ARE GIVERS; WE ARE VESSELS MADE OF CLAY.*

*BY OUR GENTLE, LOVING ACTIONS WE WOULD SHOW THAT CHRIST IS LIGHT. IN A HUMBLE, LISTENING SPIRIT WE WOULD LIVE TO GOD'S DELIGHT.*

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*3 AS A GREEN BUD IN THE SPRINGTIME IS A SIGN OF LIFE RENEWED, SO MAY WE BE SIGNS OF ONENESS 'MID EARTH'S PEOPLES, MANY HUED. AS A RAINBOW LIGHTS THE HEAVENS WHEN A STORM IS PAST AND GONE, MAY OUR LIVES REFLECT THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S NEW AND GLORIOUS DAWN.*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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#### \*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 OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LILLIE DANIEL

#### ANTHEM

*AND CAN IT BE?*

BY FORREST

#### JOYS & CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**BOLD RESPOND IN UNISON**

### GIVING

Offering is an act of worship. Text **GIVEBUMC** to **877.570.3715** to give or visit our website!

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### 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 and ever. Amen.

### \*HYMN

*1 BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART;  
NAUGHT BE ALL ELSE TO ME, SAVE THOU ART.  
THOU MY BEST THOUGHT, BY DAY OR BY NIGHT,  
WAKING OR SLEEPING, THY PRESENCE MY LIGHT.*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

*2 BE THOU MY WISDOM, AND THOU MY TRUE WORD;  
I EVER WITH THEE AND THOU WITH ME, LORD;  
THOU AND THOU ONLY, FIRST IN MY HEART,  
GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN, MY TREASURE THOU ART.*

UMH 451

*3 GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN, MY VICTORY WON,  
MAY I REACH HEAVEN'S JOYS, O BRIGHT HEAVEN'S SUN!  
HEART OF MY OWN HEART, WHATEVER BEFALL,  
STILL BE VISION, O RULER OF ALL.*

### BLESSING OVER THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*WATCH THE LAMB*  
JOHNNY SMITH, SOLOIST

BY BOLTZ

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### SCRIPTURE READING

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

JOHN 9

### SERMON

SO MANY QUESTIONS

REV. KELLY BERNE

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*1 OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE  
GLIMPSES OF TRUTH THOU HAST FOR ME;  
PLACE IN MY HANDS THE WONDERFUL KEY THAT SHALL  
UNCLASP AND SET ME FREE.  
SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR THEE, READY,  
MY GOD, THY WILL TO SEE.  
OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!*

*OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE*

*2 OPEN MY EARS, THAT I MAY HEAR VOICES OF TRUTH  
THOU SENDEST CLEAR;  
AND WHILE THE WAVENOTES FALL ON MY EAR,  
LOVE WITH THY CHILDREN THUS TO SHARE.  
SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR THEE, READY,  
MY GOD, THY WILL TO SEE.  
OPEN MY EARS, ILLUMINE, SPIRIT DIVINE!*

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*3 OPEN MY MOUTH, AND LET ME BEAR GLADLY THE WARM  
TRUTH EVERYWHERE;  
OPEN MY HEART AND LET ME PREPARE  
LOVE WITH THY CHILDREN THUS TO SHARE.  
SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR THEE, READY,  
MY GOD, THY WILL TO SEE.  
OPEN MY HEART, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!*

### BENEDICTION

REV. KELLY BERNE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING

The March governance board meeting will be today at 4pm in Pearce Hall.

#### HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Eggstravagant Celebration, April 2nd at 9:45am in the fellowship area.

Palm Sunday Concert, April 2nd at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 6th at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Good Friday Services, April 7th at noon in the river and 6pm in the sanctuary.

#### Eggstravagant Celebration

Join us Palm Sunday, April 2nd during each service. There will be a procession of palms led by our children to mark the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Join us that same morning during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). This celebration is for children, parents, and anyone else who would like to join. The celebration will include refreshments and many Easter activities including crafts, a visit from the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt for children 5th grade and younger. We are collecting plastic easter eggs and individually wrapped nut free candy for our Eggstravagant Celebration. Donations may be dropped off in wicker baskets located in Fellowship Hall by the welcome desk or in the office area by the reception desk.

#### TNT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Let the Good Times Roll this summer with TNT! This fun filled program is for kids entering 1st - 5th grades in the fall of 2023. TNT meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month of June from 9:30-2:00. Registration opens March 5th and runs until all spots are full. For more information contact Kristin in the church office at 318-861-0586 or kristin@broadmoorumc.org

#### DISCOVER SPIRITUAL GIFTS SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 9:45AM IN THE PARLOR

Sunday, March 26th at 9:45 AM in Parlor. Join Sue Ottesen in taking a spiritual gifts inventory and learning more about the gifts God gave you. Sign up on your connect card, by emailing office@broadmoorumc.org, or calling the office during office hours.

#### MARCH MISSIONAL FOCUS: PAINT YOUR HEART OUT TEAM RECRUITMENT TIME!

Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport is one of the City of Shreveport's premier programs administered by the Department of Community Development, Bureau of Housing & Business Development. It is an annual paint program where homeowners 62 or older, and/or disabled can qualify to have their homes painted free of charge. Over 1,000 volunteers from several organizations come together on one day each year to complete this dynamic task. We are recruiting for this year's BUMC team. Paint day will be Saturday, May 13th. To sign up please email kelly@broadmoorumc.org or visit one of our tables located by The Sanctuary Welcome Desk and Office Welcome Desk.