

**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25, 2010 – 11:00 AM**

\* *Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.*  
*Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

**GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is joy in the Lord's presence. We welcome every worshiper present and invite everyone to discover the joy of God's unending love.

PRELUDE

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

arr. Purifoy

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Ps. 124:8; I Cor. 15:42-44*)

Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

**It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.**

It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

**It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.**

\* HYMN # 98

*“Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord”*

(insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts, to redeem our memories, and renew our confidence in the goodness of God.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our innermost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you, and to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, not loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation, now and forever.**

SUNG RESPONSE #572 *“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”*

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Ps. 103:8*)

“The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” I declare, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.  
Amen

\* GLORIA PATRI # 579 *“Glory Be to the Father”*

H.W. Greatorex

\* HYMN # 367 *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

CHEREPONI

## THE WORD

PSALM: Psalm 23

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-3

SERMON: “BETWEEN MEMORY AND HOPE”

Rev. Bill Shenk  
Rev. Craig Hendrix

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Trad.) Hymnal – pg 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"sins ... sin against us"*)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Give Me Jesus"*

arr. Purifoy

\* DOXOLOGY # 592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

## THE SENDING FORTH

\* RECESSIONAL

*"Variations on the Canon"*

Pachelbel-Winston

*(Please follow the pastor and Sherrod family to the Memorial Garden.*

*Please stand at the lower level along the outside of the fence.)*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Deb Hyder

Pianist: Mary Hook

Ushers: Linda & Mark Preston

Acolytes: Maria Vanegas and Lyric Rivera

Sound: Greg Murr

## IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

\*WELCOME AND COMMENTS Micki Anderson

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION Rev. Don Morris

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
we dedicate this ground to the glory of God,  
to be set apart from common use,  
as God's Place for the Christian interment of the dead.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. In Christ shall all be made alive.**

Eternal Father, God not of the dead but of the living:  
bless this resting place, dedicated to your glory,  
that it may be held in honor, respected with reverence,  
and cared for with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins but crowned for our salvation:  
grant that those who have fallen asleep in your faith  
may awaken in your love,  
and let the gates of this holy place be for them the gates of life eternal.

**Amen.**

Holy Spirit, our strength in weakness and comfort in distress:  
console those who sorrow here,  
that by your power they may find hope in distress  
and faith in the midst of doubt.

Assure them that the souls of our loved ones  
whose ashes rest here in peace are safe in your everlasting arms;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

\* MEDITATION Hannah Sherrod

\* COMMITTAL Rev. Don Morris

\* BENEDICTION Rev. Don Morris

\*POSTLUDE *"Amazing Grace"* Micki Anderson



**WE ARE SURROUNDED  
BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD  
OF WITNESSES....**

**HEBREWS 12:1**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:**

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!  
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name  
and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us"  
rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks,  
please put those in the offering plate.