

I have seen the Lord!

JOHN 20:18



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.

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022 - 11:00 AM**

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew, passing it down the pew then back.

Prelude

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: Rejoice and be glad:

P: This is the day that the Lord has made!

L: Rejoice and be glad:

P: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

L: Rejoice and be glad:

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Alleluia! We praise you, O God,
for the power of your saving love
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.

As you have raised Jesus from the dead
give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever;
through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

*“Christ the Lord is risen to-day!” Al-le-lu-ia!
All cre-a-tion, join to say: Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth re-ply, Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Love’s re-deem-ing work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain for-bids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ has o-pened par-a-dise, Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
Je-sus died, our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where your vic-to-ry, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise to you by both be given, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ev-ery knee to you shall bow, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ris-en Christ, tri-um-phant now. Al-le-lu-ia!*

* Call to Confession

We know that God shows no partiality,
but welcomes and forgives all those who repent and believe.
Let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
how on the third day, Christ rose again.
Still we look for the living among the dead.
You rolled away the stone from the tomb.
Still we look for the living among the dead.
You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.
Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!
Still we look for the living among the dead.

...(silent and personal confession)

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation.

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear what the prophets have spoken:

that everyone who believes in Christ
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!

* Sung Response No. 591 “**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!**”

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-yah! Hal-le-lu-yah!

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Choral Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Living God, by your Holy Spirit,
open our eyes to see the new light of this day;
open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;
open our hearts to believe the good news;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great 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 our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death, then rose again to new life
that we might live, and all creation be restored.
Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forevermore. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*"sins ...sin against us"*)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.
Amen.**

Words of Institution

(Breaking Bread)

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

(Pouring Wine)

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Brothers and sisters, the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation,
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn

“UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE”

Insert

*Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus my Sa-vior,
wait-ing the co-ming day, Je-sus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he a-rose;
with a might-ty tri-umph o'er his foes;
he a-rose a vic-tor from the dark do-main,
and he lives for-e-ver, with his saints to reign.
He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!*

*Vain-ly they watch his bed, Je-sus my Sa-vior,
Vain-ly they seal the dead, Je-sus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he a-rose;
with a might-ty tri-umph o'er his foes;
he a-rose a vic-tor from the dark do-main,
and he lives for-e-ver, with his saints to reign.
He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!*

*Death can-not keep its prey, Je-sus my Sa-vior;
He tore the bars a-way, Je-sus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he a-rose;
with a might-ty tri-umph o'er his foes;
he a-rose a vic-tor from the dark do-main,
and he lives for-e-ver, with his saints to reign.
He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!*

* Benediction

Go out with joy to tell good news: Jesus Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

Grace and peace to all who have an undying love
for our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

* Sung Response No. 243 **“BE NOT AFRAID”**

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

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* Postlude

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