



*For as many of  
you as have been  
baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ.*

*Galatians 3:27*



**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church Outdoor & Online**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25, 2021 – 11:00 AM**

*Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**P: He lays down his life for his sheep.**

L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**P: He knows us, and we belong to him.**

L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**P: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

Prayer of Invocation

We are your people, O God –

the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered.

Lead us beside still waters;

teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table;

through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

Hymn

**“THINE IS THE GLORY”**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-quiring Son;  
end-less is the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won.  
An-gels in bright rai-ment rolled the stone a-way,  
kept the fold-ed grave-clothes where thy bod-y lay.*

*Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-quiring Son;  
end-less is the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Je-sus meets us, ris-en from the tomb;  
Lov-ing-ly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with glad-ness hymns of tri-umph sing,  
for the Lord now liv-eth; death hath lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-quer-ing Son;  
end-less is the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glo-rious Prince of life!  
Life is naught with-out thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than con-querors, through thy death-less love;  
bring us safe through Jor-dan to thy home a-bove.*

*Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-quer-ing Son;  
end-less is the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won.*

#### Call to Confession

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us.  
But God, who knows everything is greater than our hearts;  
and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace.  
Therefore let us confess our sin.

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us.**  
**We talk about love, but our actions betray us.**  
**We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.**  
**We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.**  
**Lord, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit**  
**so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,**  
**in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

#### Sung Response

**“LORD, HAVE MERCY”**

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy;  
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.  
Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy;  
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.*

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

We seek God's grace with boldness  
because we trust in Jesus Christ,  
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.  
This is the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

Sung Response

“ALLELUIA!”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit,  
help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths  
all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23 (*The Divine Shepherd*)

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**P: You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,

**All: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

Reading from Scripture

Gospel John 10:11-18 (*Jesus the Good Shepherd*)

Sermon: “The Good Shepherd”

The Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

Baptism of Declan Lynn Rourke

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

How does God's love abide in anyone  
who has the goods of the world  
and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help?  
With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give you thanks  
that you have shown us the meaning of love  
through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.  
Show us how to share Christ's love  
by giving our lives for one another;  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Hymn      **"MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED"**      RESIGNATION

*My shep-herd will sup-ply my need;  
Je-ho-vah is his name.  
In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed,  
Be-side the liv-ing stream.  
He brings my wan-dering spir-it back  
when I for-sake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death,  
your pres-ence is my stay;  
one word of your sup-port-ing breath  
drives all my fears a-way.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,*

*does still my ta-ble spread;  
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows;  
your oil a-noints my head.*

*The sure pro-vi-sions of my God  
at-tend me all my days;*

*O may your house be my a-bode,  
and all my work be praise.*

*There would I find a set-tled rest,  
while oth-ers go and come;  
no more a strang-er or a guest,  
but like a child at home.*

#### Benediction

In the name of the good shepherd, love one another.  
May the goodness and mercy of God  
follow you all the days of your life,  
and, at your life's end,  
may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### Sung Response

**“BE NOT AFRAID ”**

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

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*(Repeat)*

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pianist: Judy Moyer

Song Leader: Dianne Griffith

Sound: Adam Badger

Video: Jake Horton

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“THINE IS THE GLORY”

Text: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.

Music: George Fredrick Handel, 1748

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

Music: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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“Alleluia!”

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

Music: Fintan O’Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985

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“MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED”

Text: Issac Watts, 1719, alt.

Music: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis’s *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828;

harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

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“Be Not Afraid”

Text: Taizé Community, 1998

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1998

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