

3rd Sunday of Easter

*Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.

Bold type invites the people to respond.

PH by hymns denotes the large hymnal &

STF is the blue soft sided hymnal.

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: Jesus the Christ has freed us from death
and brought us into new life.

All: **Through Christ, we have faith and hope in
God.**

One: In genuine, mutual love, let us worship
with one heart and one voice.

All: **In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy
name!**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Ph-482

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What
should we do?" And again and again, you tell us,
"Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed
our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways,
and take for granted the grace you have given us.

Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the
way forward and help us return, once again, to you.

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal
confession.)...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have
come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead
and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set

on God. We are born anew, through the living and
enduring word of God. Alleluia! Praise to the risen
Christ!

Words of Peace

Since we have received the peace of Christ, let us share that
peace with one another. The peace Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH-579

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Reading ends: This is the good news which we have
received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

One: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and
listened to my supplication,

All: **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I
called.**

One: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish
of the grave came upon me; I came to grief
and sorrow.

All: **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

One: How shall I repay the LORD for all the good
things God has done for me?

All: **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the
name of the LORD.**

One: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the
presence of all God's people.

All: **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of
your servants.**

One: O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your
servant, the child of your handmaid; you have
freed me from my bonds.

All: **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

One: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the
presence of all God's people,

All: **in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst
of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

Reading ends: This is the good news which we have
received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Reading ends: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Response: hear our prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

*Thank you for your gifts of financial support of Bethel's
ministries which may be placed in the offering plate near the
main entrance to the sanctuary either before or following
worship.*

*Congregational Response

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is
the sign that God will consummate the work of creation
and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

*Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

PH-306

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope

PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Robin Bostrom, Lay Leader; Linda Johansen and Darwin Schrage, Musicians.

Pastor Kleppe would welcome visiting you in your home or at a coffee shop in town. Her contact information is 563-380-8187 or lori.kleppe@gmail.com

Beverages are available in the narthex and may be enjoyed during worship. You are invited to help yourself.

Members and friends of Bethel who seek healing and wholeness in their lives are kept in prayer during worship. Today we are remembering – Cathy Bemiss, Teri Brockway, Don Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom), Darwin Schrage, Mike Schroyer.

Stoney Brook – Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer
Good Samaritan Center – Peggi Pape
Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden
Maple Crest – Tex Heyer
Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, April 19

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

6:00 p.m. Supper and NAMI Presentation

Thursday April 23

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, April 26

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Noisy Bucket offering
Fellowship following

Welcome to Worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church!

-The order of service is found in your bulletin and projected on the screen.

-An * shows the time when the congregation stands. If it is more comfortable to remain seated, please do so.

-Restrooms are found on each level of the church. An usher will help you find your way. Fully accessible restrooms are located in the basement.

-A nursery room is available but we welcome hearing the sound of small children.

-Communion is offered on most first Sundays of the month. All are welcome to receive the elements of the meal. An usher will invite you forward or servers may come to you in the pew.

-We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.

Upcoming Opportunities

***April 22** Join us in the fellowship hall for a NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) presentation led by Norman & Susan Friederich, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.

***April 29 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Now What? Funeral, Graveside, or Celebration of Life? Join Lori as she helps you outline the manner in which you would like to have friends and family gather at the end of your life.

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