

Easter Sunday

*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: Beloved church, Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: Sin and death shall reign no more.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: Let this place resound with joy.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn Lo, In the Grave... PH-165

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you. (Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God says to us, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Christ says to us, do not be afraid. We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!
Alleluia!

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!

*Congregational Response Glory Be to the Father PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

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 118:1-2, 14-24

One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.
All: Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures forever."
One: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
All: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
One: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
All: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
One: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
All: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
One: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
All: By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
One: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

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

Matthew 28:1-10

Reading ends: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn The Day of Resurrection PH-118

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord’s Prayer
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right...

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.

Words of Institution
We Share the Bread and Cup
Prayer After Communion

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. A Cross Reflection will be shared during this time.

*Congregational Response Doxology
*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate in the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who precedes from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* PH-113 vs.1-3

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today PH-113 vs. 4

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Linda Johansen, Musician.

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 and Victor Schmitz (home).

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, Easter
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Lord’s Supper
Fellowship following
Tuesday, April 7
12:00 p.m. NEIQG
Thursday April 9
9:30 a.m. Sewing
Next Sunday, April 12
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Diaconate quarterly 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 worshiping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.

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