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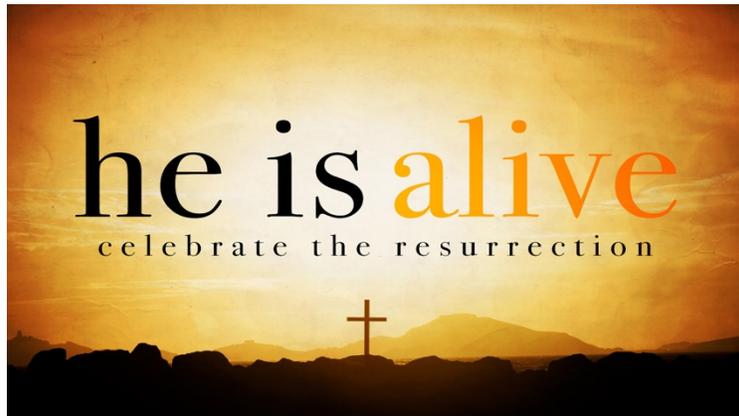
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April 8, 2018 – 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter



"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

John 19:21-22 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We are Easter People. And because of that we believe that Easter happens every Sunday morning, just as it did on that first Easter so many years ago. And so on this day we continue our celebration of the resurrection through the gift of music. We offer prayers for our choir and musicians that their God-given musical talents may be used on this day to once again make the claim that Christ is risen!

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Easter Chant*

G. YOUNG

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Love of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* GATHERING SONG: *Christ Is Risen*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

*Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna everyone!*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Word of life spoke:

so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

The Word of life reached out:

so we could touch the hope which heals us.

The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

so we could follow him into life forever.

*** OPENING HYMN #113: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!***

LLANFAIR

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name.

May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name.

Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter people.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another. When we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world. Amen.

*** RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!***

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)
I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)*

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Because He Lives*

W. GAITHER / ARR. BOCK

*** A DOXOLOGY:**

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #115: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain***

ST. KEVIN

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE IN MUSIC

"GOSPEL MASS"

ROBERT RAY

I. KYRIE

*In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Spirit, the blessed Three in One.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Oh Lord, have mercy on me.
Send us a Savior, set my soul free. Give us Your word and teach us to pray.
I want to praise and serve You always. Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob look down, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison. Oh Christ, have mercy on me.
Send us your comfort, grant us Your peace. You are the way, the truth and the light.
I love You more each day and each night. Jesus the Rock of salvation, and Light of the world, have mercy upon us.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Oh Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison. Oh Lord, have mercy.*

II. GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, peace to all men of good will.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee.
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore thee, we glorify Thee.
Lord God, King, of heaven Father Almighty One.
Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the Father's only Son.
Glory to God in the highest, peace to all men of good will.
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world, receive our prayers.
Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty in heaven have mercy on us.
For only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord. Only Thou art holy, only Thou art most high.
Only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord. Only Thou art holy, only Thou art most high.
We come to praise Your name today, we want to serve You in every way.
Let the loud hosannas ring, shouting the praises to God our King.
In the name of the Father. In the name of the Son. In the name of the Holy Ghost.
The Blessed Three on One. Amen.*

III. CREDO

*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, suffer'd under Pontius Pilate, crucified, died and was buried, He descended into hell.
On the third day He arose. He ascended to heaven, from death He was set free.
Now He sits at the right hand and He's waitin' for you and me.
He will judge all the world. He will judge you and me.
I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church.
I believe in one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth.
I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world.
I believe when my life is over I'm going home just to live with my God.
I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost. I believe in God.*

IV. ACCLAMATION

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lord. Hallelujah, let us praise the Lord.
Praise Him with stringed instruments. Praise Him with dance.
Praise Him on the psaltry and harp. Everything that has breath ought to praise Him.
Hallelujah, Praise the Lord. Hallelujah, let us praise the Lord.*

V. SANCTUS

*Holy holy Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest who gave me victory.
There was a man sittin' by the roadside; he was blind he could not see.
Then the Master of the earth and skies; touch'd his eyes and he looked around saying
Holy holy Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest who gave me victory.
Another man lay by a poolside; thirty-eight years with his infirmity.
Then the Lord troubled the water; the man rose and he jump'd for joy saying
Holy holy Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest who gave me victory.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, we will always sing Thy praise.
Hosanna in the highest. Sing hosanna in the highest.
Like the blind man and the lame man, I was lost, living in sin.
Then I opened up my heart one day, I let the Savior in. Now I shout saying
Holy holy Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest who gave me victory.
Holy holy Lord Jesus. Holy!*

VI. AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
For You came to die for me, suffer'd, bled, and died, died on Calvary.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
In Your word You showed us how, we are trying Lord, hear our prayer right now.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace, Amen.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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.

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ Be Our Light)* (see next page)

BERNADETTE FARRELL

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

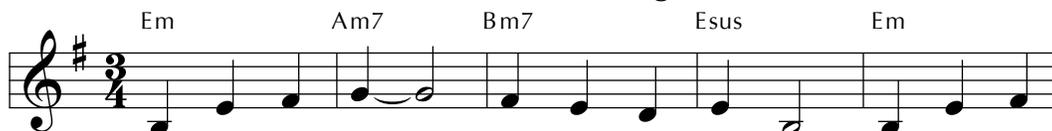
* **POSTLUDE:** *Triumphal March*

H. TURNER

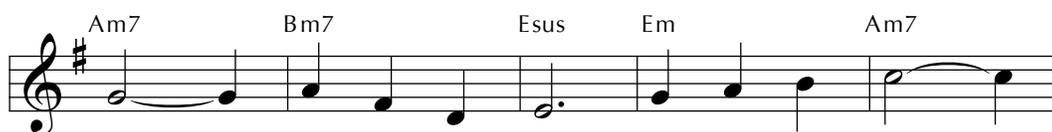
* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

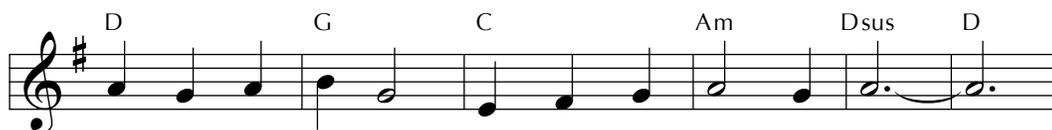
Christ, Be Our Light



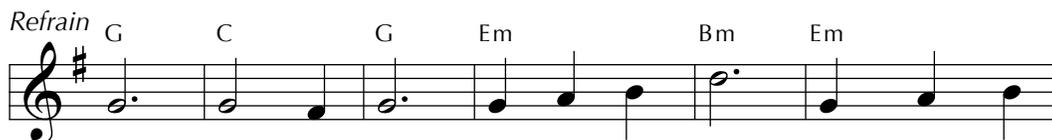
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



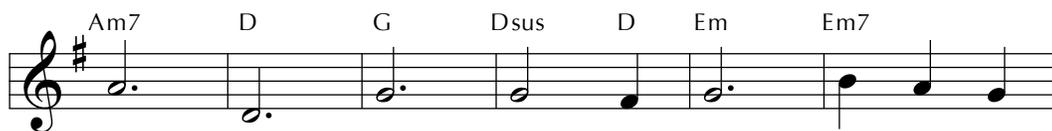
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



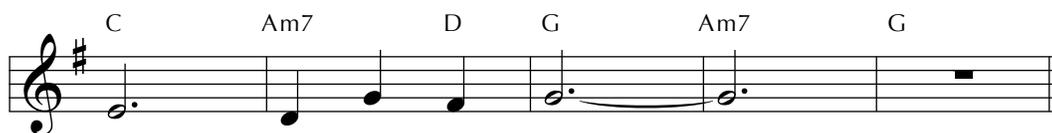
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any

questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypreschurch.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following @bpresbyterian.

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

For our children: Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

Audio and Visual Assistance: A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

Audio Recordings of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

Our **Easter observance continues this morning**, as our choir and musicians will present Robert Ray’s **Gospel Mass**. We are so grateful for the many hours of work and energy given so that we may worship in this special way. A special thanks to our Music Director **Christopher Bagley**, for his vision, leadership, musicianship, and diligence. Participants in this morning’s presentation are:

Sopranos

Maureen Kelly
Tina Patterson
Nancy Purcell
Jennifer Wells *

Altos

Crystal Harvey *
Karen Maxwell
Alondra Mendez
Lauren Parker *

Tenors

Sylvester Allen
Bobby Peele

Basses

Randy Cousins
Glenn Patterson

(*) = Guest

Bass Guitar: Melvin Holland

Percussion: Zachary Lassiter

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elder: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

We are currently asking for **donations of eyeglasses** (and reading glasses) that are no longer of use to use. These will be donated to Salem Presbytery's medical mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico in June. The basket for donations can be found on the table in the Welcome Center.

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson
Shelvia Russell	Family of Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin		Diane Bullis

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

Next Tuesday, April 17th, will mark the beginning of our new **Spring Book Study**, as we look at author and activist **Shane Claiborne's** signature work ***Jesus for President***. Please register (no later than next Sunday, the 15th) by either filling out the insert in today's bulletin, or through our website. You may either purchase your own book on Amazon, or the church can order one for you. The price is currently around \$11.50 for the paperback. Kindle versions are also available.

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

Children (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

Youth (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

The **Session** will meet for its regular monthly meeting this **Tuesday, the 10th at 7:00 pm.**

Elders of the Month for April are **Ron Osborne** and **Brandon Troxler**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / choir presentation **Gospel Mass**

Monday, the 9th:

- 10:00 – Circle #1
- 7:00 – Circle #3

Tuesday, the 10th:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 11th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Sunday, the 15th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Sandy Cook

Karen Maxwell

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