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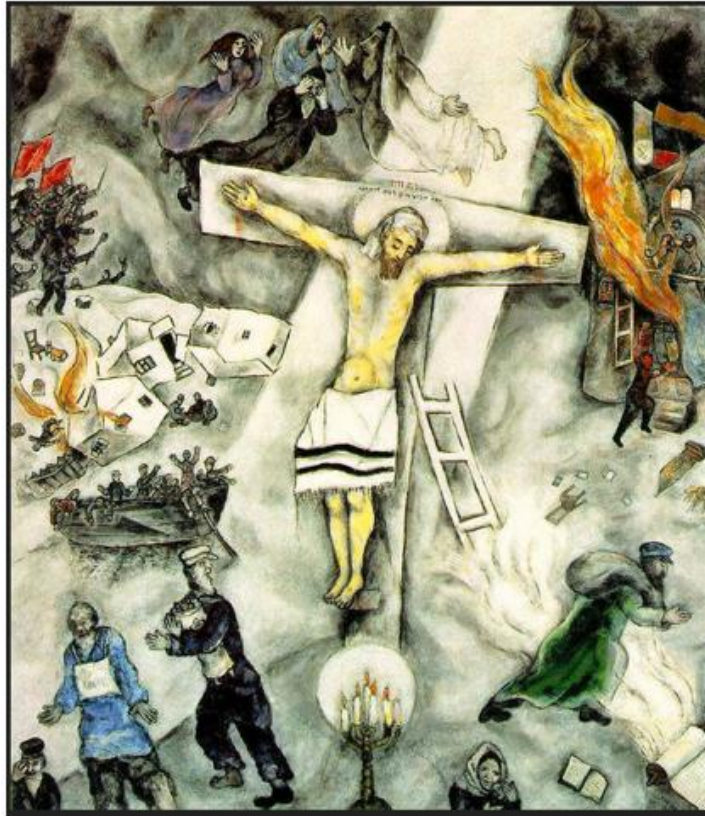
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Easter



Marc Chagall, "White Crucifixion," 1938

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

John 20:17-18 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

PRELUDE: *Easter Morning, Joyous Dawning*

LANI SMITH/TUNE BY LUDWIG LINDEMANN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Luke 24:34

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today

CHARLES WESLEY

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LITANY FOR EASTER

Our time of telling the truth about ourselves the Litany will be spoken with a sung congregational response:

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

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

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

He appeared to Mary, and to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

At last he came to us, that we might believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

pause

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

HYMN 591 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" (Glory to God)*

Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 118:21-29

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 758

JOHN 20:1-18

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1320

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

As we come together this morning to tell the truth about ourselves, let us be reminded of God's deep love and boundless forgiveness in giving thanks for, and reaffirming our baptisms. If you have not been baptized, or if you do not know that you are baptized, know that we believe that the sacrament is simply a sign of what God is already doing in our lives as well as a recognition of our formal entrance into the community, so with all the confidence of God's overwhelming grace, I invite you to join us in this affirmation.

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, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism – the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE:** *He is Lord*

LOUIS F. BENSON

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

*** DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

REFRAIN

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! **(REFRAIN)**

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! **(REFRAIN)**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *How Beautiful*

TWILA PARIS/ARR. BY CRAIG COURTNEY

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Going Home"*

REV. PHILLIPS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe...
...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

...Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. For great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Glorious God, pour your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. We pray this and all things in the name of the One who taught us to pray in the language

most familiar to us, saying:

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

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN #122: *Thine is the Glory*

EDMOND BUDRY

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting. **[Refrain]**

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above. **[Refrain]**

*BLESSING

Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God – Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit – abide with you forever.
Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL #853: *We are Marching in the Light of God

You are invited to follow the Choir and process out through the north doors into the yard for a time of fellowship. We will continue singing as we enter into the yard and conclude our service there.

***CHARGE**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us..
Amen.

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Processional Hymn Notes

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

In every worship service, the words we say and the actions we participate in are somehow shaping us. Perhaps without even being aware of it, worship is doing something to us – it's forming habits and language inside of us to both teach us why we are in relationship with God, and how to be in relationship with God. One practice that many liturgists and hymn authors have brought into worship is describing an event that happened in the past (usually a moment from the Gospel story) as if it were happening today, in order to instill in us the understanding that, just as God worked in the lives of people two thousand years ago, He is still working today.

The hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” is a perfect example of this. Right in the title is an indicator of the present tense: the word “is.” As we sing this song, we are first brought back two millennia as “witnesses” of the resurrection, and then we are also made aware that though the actual event of the resurrection happened once, it is in a sense an on-going event with ever-present effects. We are called today to live out of the resurrection, to follow our risen Lord in newness of life, and to ever lift our “alleluias” in praise.

Chagall's “White Crucifixion”

The image this morning is the famous 1938 painting by the French Jewish artist, Marc Chagall. According to the Art Institute of Chicago:

In White Crucifixion, his first and largest work on the subject, Chagall stressed the Jewish identity of Jesus in several ways: he replaced the loincloth with a prayer shawl, his crown of thorns with a headcloth, and the mourning angels that customarily surround him with three biblical patriarchs and a matriarch, clad in traditional Jewish garb. At either side of the cross, Chagall illustrated the devastation of pogroms. On the left, a village is pillaged and burned, forcing refugees to flee by boat and the three bearded figures at bottom left – one of whom clutches a Torah – to escape on foot. On the right, a synagogue and its Torah ark go up in flames, while below a mother comforts her child. By linking the martyred Jesus with the persecuted Jews and the Crucifixion with contemporary events, Chagall's painting passionately identifies the Nazis with Christ's tormentors and warns of the moral implications of their actions.

The Art Institute of Chicago, “White Crucifixion,” <https://www.artic.edu/artworks/59426/white-crucifixion> (accessed 13 April 2022)



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

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](https://twitter.com/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.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tina Patterson and Kim Snyder)

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

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Jack Cook
Grace Johnson
Anne McDaniels
Shannon Russell
Ann Sutton
Randy Thompson
Cindy Uzzo
Don Burenhiede

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

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) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

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.

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: Chip Allen, Randy Cousins, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for April are **Helen Brown** and **Chip Allen**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Judy & Darrell Holmes April 7
- Pam & Mark Hurt April 27

- Sandy Russell April 1
- Dusty Kimrey April 8
- Tommy Lane April 12
- April Troxler April 12
- Gerald Donley April 17
- Helen Brown April 22
- Maureen Kelly April 24
- Morgan Troxler April 27

Liturgist

- April 3rd Chip Allen
- April 10th Rick Purcell
- April 17th
- April 24th Helen Brown

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- Sunday, April 17th :- Easter Sunday & Communion
9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, April 20th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, April 24th :- Second Sunday of Easter

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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