



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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April 24, 2022 – 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter



The Upper Room by Rick Purcell

Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.”
John 20:29 (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: *The Way of the Cross Leads Home*

PAUL DAVIS/TUNE: WAY OF THE CROSS BY CHARLES H. GABRIEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SENTENCES

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

John 20:19,21

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #: *I Serve a Risen Savior (He Lives!)*

ALFRED H. ACKLEY

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. **(Refrain)**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Refrain)**

LITANY FOR EASTER

Our Eastertide 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.

SUNG RESPONSE: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

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

SUNG RESPONSE: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

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

SUNG RESPONSE: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

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

SUNG RESPONSE: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

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

SUNG RESPONSE: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

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)*

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

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 145:13-21

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 778

JOHN 20:19-31

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1321

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

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

STEVE VEST

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.

***Hymn of the Day #117:** *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

Jean Tisserand/ Arr. by Mark Schweizer

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side O Thomas, see;
My hands, My feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

JEAN TISSERAND/ ARR. BY MARK SCHWEIZER

(PLEASE FOLLOW ALONG WITH HYMN OF THE DAY VERSES 1,3,4,5,6)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"I have Questions..."*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN #339:** *Be Thou My Vision*

MARY E. BYRNE - TRANSLATOR

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***SENDING**

The blessing of the eternal, triune God – Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end –
be with you all. ***Alleluia!***

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Song of Triumph*

DAVID E. WION

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn of the Day Notes

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

This hymn tells the story of those who witnessed the resurrected Christ based on the gospel accounts, particularly that of John. After describing the scene at the tomb on Resurrection Sunday morning, the text narrates the disciples' responses, from the sudden appearance of Jesus in a locked room where a group of them were meeting (John 20:19-23) to the proof of Jesus' physical resurrection when He appeared to doubting Thomas (John 20:23-29).



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.

Bethany Members

Linda Abplanalp
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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 24th :- Second Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday, April 27th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, May 1st :- Third Sunday of Easter & Communion

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

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