



**EASTER  
SERVICE**  
HE IS RISEN!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020  
10:45 AM  
BETHANY UCC

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 12, 2020      HOLY COMMUNION      10:45 AM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship. May this be a time of blessing for you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

## *Easter*

*April 12, 2020*

**(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

PRELUDE “Lo In the Grave He Lay” ...R. Graham  
Piano/Organ Duet  
(Rebecca Kesselring /Susan Wright)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: “This Easter Celebration” ...words by Carole Gillette  
Song Leaders: Adrienne Kotsko & Pastor Todd

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Response: Alleluia! God is with us!

M: The Lord is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Dear God, on this day of joy, we confess that we have not always witnessed the joy of our faith. On this day of good news, we confess that we have not always witnessed to the good news of our faith. On this day of new life, we confess that we have not always witnessed to the new life of our faith. Forgive us, O God, of our silence and neglect to be Your people. Hear now the sins of our lives and restore us to be Your resurrected people** (*pause for personal petitions*).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-4

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON “Good Friday People in an Easter World”

CALL TO PRAYER...PASTORAL PRAYER...LORD’S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*unison*)

**We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

HYMN: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Tim Rumble, Trombone

Sue Wright, Organ

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Colossians 3:1-4 NSRV

The New Life in Christ

**3** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

**3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**4** When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Mark: 16:1-8

## The Resurrection of Jesus

**16** When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.<sup>[a]</sup>

**Please add Marie Wolfe to our home bound list and also to the card shower list:**

**Mrs. Marie Wolfe**  
**4734 Cheryl Drive**  
**Bethlehem PA 18017-8717**



### **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY -**  
**HE IS RISEN!**

10:45 A          Worship – with Communion

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 NO CHOIRS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16 – CONSISTORY CANCELLED**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

10:45 A          Worship



CARD SHOWER  
for our Shut-ins



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Pastor - Rev. Todd Fennell

Matt Miller - Consistory President

Susan Wright, Director of Music

The following have made monetary donations in honor of or memory of loved ones.

### **MONETARY DONATIONS IN HONOR OF:**

- Reverend Walter Long by Deborah Young
- Sharon Haines by a friend
- Fred & Dolly Ackerman by Bob & Sandy Ackerman
- Beverly & Bill Rumble from Len & Rebecca Kesselring

## **MONETARY DONATIONS IN HONOR OF: (continued)**

- Sue & Tom Wright from Len & Rebecca Kesselring
- Ina Denninger with love and thanks from the Brunner and Wright families.
- Our children and grandchildren – Love, Gail & Dave Correll

## **MONETARY DONATIONS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

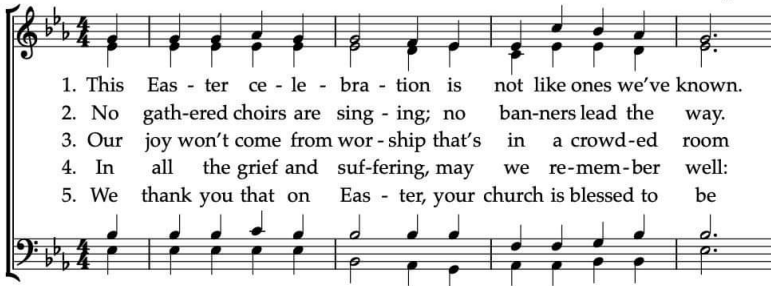
- Mr. & Mrs. Donald Young by Deborah Young
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- Tom & Bonnie Stout by the Stout & Ortwein Families
- Catherine Knipe by the Stout & Ortwein Families
- Pastor Donald Esslinger by Doris Esslinger
- Our parents, Fritz & Mildred Ackerman and William & Mildred Stumpf by Bob & Sandy Ackerman
- Loved ones by Pastor & Jean Fennell
- Loved ones by Judy & George Morgan
- Our parents, Len & Bobbie Kesselring with much love, Len & Rebecca Kesselring
- Our parents, Edward & Damaris Stanley with much love, Len & Rebecca Kesselring
- Husband, dad and “pappy”, Harry W. Denninger, by Ina, Susan and Diane and their families
- Parents, Harry J. and Laura Denninger and Jacob H. and Ella Miller by Ina Denninger
- Dan, Elinor and Jim Sabetti by Margy & Dan Sabetti
- Stanley and Julia Laser by Margy and Dan Sabetti
- Les and Joanne Albaugh by their granddaughters Jenna, Kaitlin and Erin Nguyen.
- Our parents, Les and Joanne Albaugh and our grandparents, Elvin & Mabel Bennyhoff by Minh and Lisa Nguyen and John Albaugh.
- Our parents/grandparents, Loren & Jean Lee and Louise Correll given by Gail & Dave Correll and family.

# This Easter Celebration

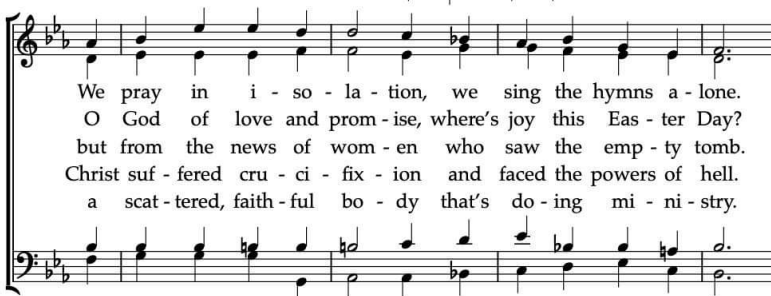
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia

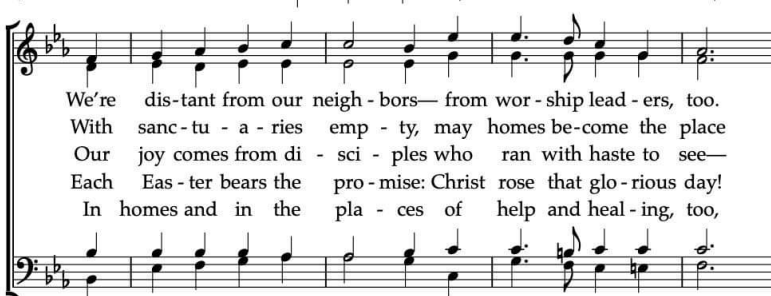
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



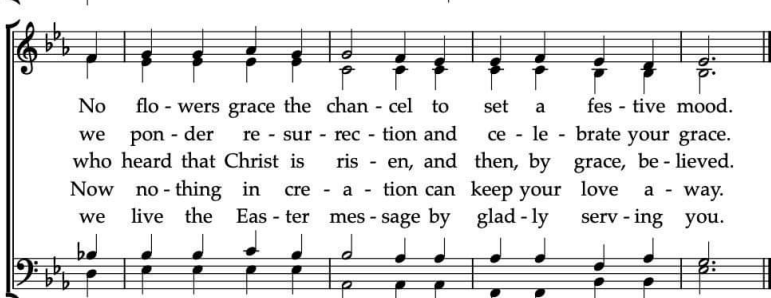
1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.  
2. No gath - ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban - ners lead the way.  
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd - ed room  
4. In all the grief and suf - fer - ing, may we re - mem - ber well:  
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be



We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.  
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?  
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.  
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.  
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.



We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.  
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place  
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—  
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!  
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,



No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.  
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.  
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.  
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.  
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

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