

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 17, 2022

EASTER

10:45 AM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship.

May this be a time of blessing for you. We encourage our visitors to include their name, address, and phone number in the Guest Book at the top of the steps and come again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "The Strife is O'er" ...arr. R. J. Hughes
Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept!

C: Break forth into joy, sing together, for God has comforted those whose hearts were broken in sorrow.

P: Since by human sin came death, so by human faithfulness came resurrection of the dead.

C: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #288 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Brass Ensemble accompaniment

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, power of life, we praise You that You have not abandoned us to the living death of sin and despair, but that with Jesus Christ, You have lifted us up from the grave. Grant that we may live in newness of life, that we might ourselves know the power of resurrection, now and in the world to come. In the name of our Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #291 Alleluia (refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia alleluia! Give praise to his name!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 15: 19-26

*John 20: 1-18

L: This is the Good News!

P: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Christ is Risen!" ...Handel/Kaufmann

Chancel Choir

Trumpet – Chris Rumble Trombone – Tim Rumble

SERMON: "Telling the Truth"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Christ Arose" ...Lowry, arr. W. Hanson

Instrumental Ensemble

*OFFERING RESPONSE: #34 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of love, we offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts and financial gifts as a sign of our love for You and the world. We ask Your blessing on the gifts where You meet us in our suffering, and raise us up, so that all may come to know of Your abiding love. In Jesus name. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: #295 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Brass Ensemble accompaniment

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #305 "He Is Lord"
"He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

POSTLUDE: Please be seated to enjoy "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ...arr. Lewis/Ode by the Brass Ensemble

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS & BULLETINS: are presented in honor of Ted Hendricks Jr.'s 60th Birthday by his family.

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Corey Tancin, Volunteers

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at wrumble@ptd.net. A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link.

If you have an Instagram account, you can follow us

@BethanyUCCBethlehem. We also invite you to tag the church in your posts and use the hashtag #BethanyUCCBethlehem to share posts and photos on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter! Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 15: 19 - 26 (NRSV)

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

John 20: 1-18 NRSV

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus

said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



A heartfelt THANK YOU goes to all of our Bethany musicians for your time, your practice, your commitment, your talent, and your willingness to share all that with our Bethany congregation.

THE CHURCH TODAY AND BETHANY

All members of Bethany are invited to a conversation with our Conference Minister Bonnie Bates on Sunday, April 24. Bonnie will be with us to preach in worship and to join us for a lunch of soup, salad and bread in Fellowship Hall. The focus of discussion will be the reality of church culture today and Bethany's future. PLEASE RSVP in the narthex for lunch arrangements and join us we address this timely topic. We currently have soup makers preparing vegetarian vegetable, chili and chicken and rice. We would welcome one more soup if you have one you would like to prepare. We are also asking the bakers here at Bethany to prepare us some delicious desserts. Please let the office know if you are willing to help.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 17 – EASTER SUNDAY

10:45AM Celebrate the Risen Lord with Festive Music in our beautifully decorated sanctuary.

MONDAY, APRIL 18 – Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

9:30 -1:30 Church Office hours

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

No Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 – Consistory

9:30-1:30 Church Office Hours

7PM Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 24

9:30AM Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship with Communion followed by a luncheon with Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates

Thank you to all those who purchased flowers or made a monetary donation. Please take your plant after the service. The Worship Committee will assist you when you pick up your flowers. They will make sure you get exactly what you ordered.

FLOWERS IN HONOR OF:

- Our children and grandchildren by Gail & Dan Correll
- Bethany Church by John & Trish Talijan
- My children, their spouses and my grandson by Debbie Brown
- My Parents, siblings, their spouses and children by Debbie Brown

- The two and four legged friends I've been blessed with in my life by Debbie Brown

FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Lindsay Keltner and Family Loved ones by Pastor Todd & Jean Fennell
- My wife Dolly by Fred Ackerman
- Loved ones by Ted & Marion Hendricks
- Our Parents by Margy & Dan Sabetti
- Tom Stout, Bonnie Stout and Catherine Knipe by the Stouts and Ortweins
- Martha & Franklin Brown by Barbara & Michael Reiniger
- Ruth & Paul Reiniger by Barbara & Michael Reiniger
- Loved ones by Judy & George Morgan
- Dorothy & Richard Miller by Matthew & Susanne Miller
- Mary & Edward Bonawitz by Matthew & Susanne Miller
- My husband/father Robert Hoffert by Geraldine & Thomas Hoffert
- Daughter/sister, Linda Hoffert by Geraldine & Thomas Hoffert
- Les & Joanne Albaugh by John Albaugh & Lisa, Minh, Jenna, Kaitlin & Erin Nguyen
- Catherine & Herbert Yost by the Rumble Family
- Carolyn & William Rumble Sr. by the Rumble Family
- Loved Ones by Ruth & Barry Smith
- Family & Friends by Diane & Gary Diefenderfer
- Our Parents by Ken & Cindy Beck



MONETARY DONATIONS:

- In loving memory of Husband, Father and “Pappy” Harry W. Denninger by his wife Ina, and the Brunner & Wright families
- Parents, Harry J. and Laura Denninger and Jacob H. and Ella Miller by Ina Miller Denninger
- By Geraldine & Thomas Hoffert
- By Cindy & Ken Beck



Welcome Baby Maggie

The pink rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Margaret (Maggie) Luna Haines-Riiska who was born at 10:34pm on Wednesday 4/13/22. Parents are Cassie and Sam Haines-Riiska. Grandparents are Sharon and Philip Haines. She is 18 3/4 inches and weighs 5lbs 14oz.

288 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 MUSIC: Lynn Davidson, 1708

EASTER II
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1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love: Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!



Thanks
FOR WORSHIPING
WITH US