

# **BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

April 9, 2023

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: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ...arr. B. B. Kinyon**  
Handbell Choir

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: The Lord is risen indeed!**

P: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**C: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek things that are above.

**All: When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with Him in glory!**

\***OPENING HYMN: #288 Christ the Lord is Risen Today**  
Brass Quartet and Organ

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy You offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the**

**Life You set among us. Forgive us, Gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gift; open our lips and our hands to share it with all humanity, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #298 The Day of Resurrection vs.1 Handbell Accompaniment

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 10: 34-43

\*Matthew 28: 1-10

L: This is the Good News!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM: "Thy Name We Bless" ... Vulpius arr. A. C. Lovelace

Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet

SERMON: "The Easter Angel"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Hallelujah! Now Be Joyful!" ...N. Sleeth  
Chancel Choir

\*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: “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”  
Brass Quartet and Organ

\*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 “All Hail the Power”  
...Holden Brass Quartet

***Our worship ends, our service begins!***



FLOWERS: are from the members of Bethany

BULLETINS: The bulletins are sponsored by Len & Rebecca Kesselring for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

GREETERS: Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Acts 10: 34 - 43 (NRSV)**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as

judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## **Matthew 28: 1 - 10 (NRSV)**

**28** After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



*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. Our brass quartet members this morning are Chris Rumble and Lisa Williams on trumpet and Tim Rumble and Pastor Todd Fennell on trombone.*

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### **TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – EASTER SUNDAY**

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

### **MONDAY, APRIL 10 – Church Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

9:30 -1:30 Church Office hours

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

No Choir

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

9:30-1:30 Church Office Hours

7PM Consistory in Fellowship Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 16**

10:45 AM Worship with Communion



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:**

- Beverly & William Rumble for their love & friendship by Leonard C. & Rebecca Kesselring
- Sue & Tom Wright for their love & friendship by Leonard C. & Rebecca Kesselring
- Sue Wright for her dedication to Bethany and her outstanding gift of music by Leonard C. & Rebecca Kesselring
- 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
- Our daughters Jenna, Kaitlin and Erin who continue to make us proud by their parents Minh and Lisa Nguyen
- Our Grandchildren Jordan, Amari & Lea by Margy & Dan Sabetti
- Our Grandchildren Ava & Claire by Margy & Dan Sabetti
- Mother and "Nanny" Ina Denninger, by her daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
- Anne Williams by Walter Williams
- Our children & grandchildren love, Gail & Dave Correll

## **FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- Loved ones by Pastor Todd & Jean Fennell
- Loved ones by Ted & Marion Hendricks
- Tom Stout, Bonnie Stout and Catherine Knipe by the Stouts and Ortweins
- Loved ones by Judy & George Morgan

- Les & Joanne Albaugh by John Albaugh & Lisa, Minh, Jenna, Kaitlin & Erin Nguyen
- Our parents and grandparents Catherine & Herbert Yost by the Rumble Family
- Our parents and grandparents Carolyn & William Rumble Sr. by the Rumble Family
- Our parents and family who passed by Diane & Gary Diefenderfer
- Our Parents by Ken & Cindy Beck
- Stuart & Naomi Reigger and Roy & Evelyn Funk by Barbara Backensto and family.
- Anne & John Ruehlman and Catherine & Walter Williams by Walter Williams
- My parents Loren & Jean Lee, love Gail & Dave Correll.
- Leonard C. & Bobbi Kesselring by Leonard C. Jr. & Rebecca Kesselring
- Edward & DaMaris Stanley by Leonard C. Jr. & Rebecca Kesselring
- Rundle Kesselring by Leonard C. Jr. & Rebecca Kesselring

### **MONETARY DONATIONS:**

- In loving memory of Husband, Father and “Pappy” Harry W. Denninger by his wife Ina, and the Brunner & Wright families
- In loving memory of Parents, Harry J. and Laura Denninger and Jacob H. and Ella Miller by Ina Miller Denninger
- In loving memory of Thomas Wright Jr. and Teresa Latteman by son and brother Thomas Wright III
- With Joy on this Easter Day by Leonard and Rebecca Kesselring



# 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: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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## His Resurrection

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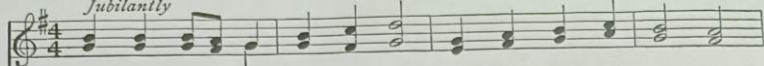
JOHN OF DAMASCUS, 8th century

Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1859

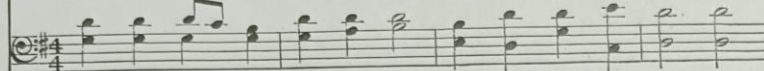
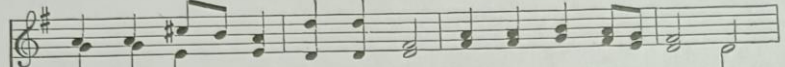
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ARTHUR SULLIVAN, 1872

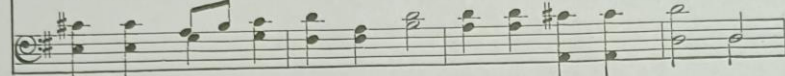
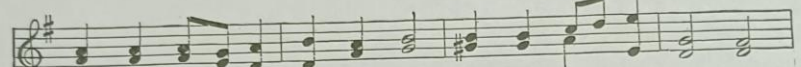
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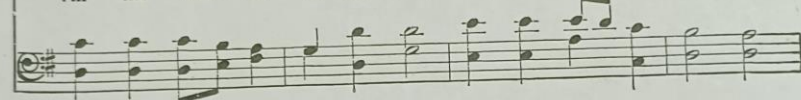
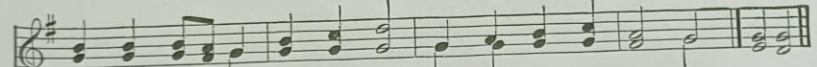
1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness:  
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst His pris - on,

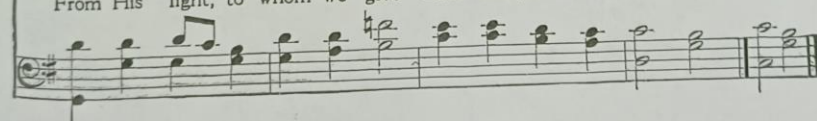
God hath brought His peo - ple forth In - to joy from sad - ness.  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en;

Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, And with true af - fec - tion  
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing

Wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.  
From His light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing. A - MEN.





*Thanks*

FOR WORSHIPING  
WITH US