GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #122

"Thine is the Glory" (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



To Our Visitors

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our new nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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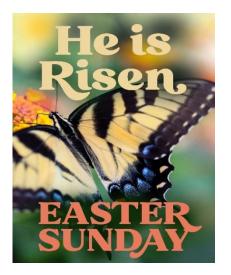
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

"A family of faith in Jesus Christ, yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

> March 31, 2024 10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

"I've Just Seen Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the Good News: Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

God is alive

New birth is given

Joy is alive

Redemption is here

Love is alive

Death is defeated

God of resurrection, We come in awe and wonder.

We come to celebrate and praise you this Easter morning.

HYMN #123

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, we have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. Please forgive us our sins, both the things we have done and said and the things we have left undone. We focus on the empty tomb rather than on the new life our faith demands of us. We set our minds on our own priorities rather than on seeking your will. Help us turn from our destructive ways. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people. Lord, in your mercy, hear us as we pray silently... (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the truth of Easter is real! You are forgiven, so rejoice! You are loved, so give thanks! You are renewed, so lift up your hearts and receive the freedom that comes with a new life in Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Iesus has died and has risen.

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Resurrection Song"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Pew Bible, p. 565)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 16:1-7 (Pew Bible, p. 54)

SERMON "Who Will Roll Away the Stone?" Rev. Valerie Hicks

HYMN "He Is Lord"

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology (sung)

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

Prayer of Dedication

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

from the Common English Bible

Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you banished the old order of sin and death. We have been nourished at your table and have celebrated Christ's rising from the dead. Make us new in him and raise us from the death of sin to a life of righteousness. Help us to serve you, one God forevermore. Send us out now praising you that we would spread your great love made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.