

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**HYMN #118**

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

Arr. Bill Wolaver

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- D – Detect Christ's presence in others
- O – Open our lives to the Holy Spirit, Christ's presence with us.
- U – Understand scripture.
- B – Bow in prayer.
- T – Time with people of faith.

**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 and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.*



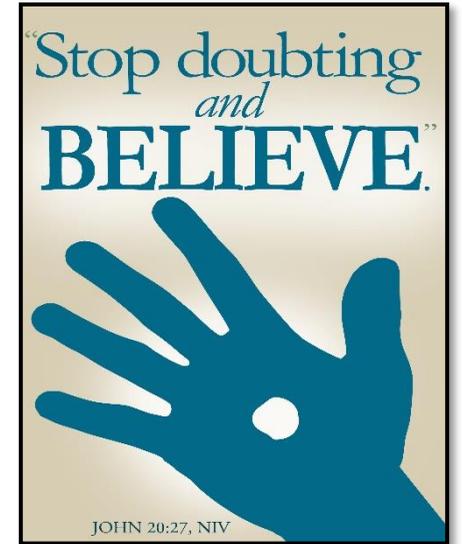
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**Welcome to  
Bethpage  
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**April 16, 2023  
10:00 AM**



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

*"Amazing Grace"*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

We come to you, O God, a believing but skeptical people. We have seen too much evil all around us, and within, to be convinced that Christ offers the last word. And yet we are drawn to the message and example Jesus lived among people like us. There is something genuine and compelling, in both word and deed, that we want to explore and affirm. Guide our inquiry and go with us in our struggle to understand and trust. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**HYMN #2164**

*"Sanctuary"*  
(sing three times, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today is a new day!

**We come with the past behind us, and the future open. We come to celebrate the life Christ brings. We come to worship the risen one.**

Christ is with us!

**He is with us indeed!**

**HYMN #113**

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”*

*(The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of all people, be our God. We have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. We have embraced the sentimentality of our faith and disregarded your demands for justice. We have celebrated Easter and then gone on with our lives as if it wasn't real. We set our minds on things of the earth rather than on your will. O God, we do not want to continue our destructive ways. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people. Gracious God, have mercy on us and hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)***

**RESPONSE HYMN #316** *“Breathe on Me Breath of God”*

*(The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God meets us where we are, and implores us to turn our lives around.

**God raised Jesus to assure us of new life.**

God's promises are for us and for our children, for those who are near to us and for all who are far away.

**God calls us into relationships that build up, not destroy.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Praise God! Alleluia!**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**

*“The Day He Wore My Crown”*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 16:5-11 (Pew Bible, p. 496)

**HYMN**

*“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken”*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible, p. 115)

**SERMON**

*“Long Week”*

Rev. Valerie Hicks

**THE PEOPLE RESPOND**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Declaration of Faith*

**Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

**GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING**

Offertory

*“In Christ Alone”*

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

**Gracious God, as we celebrate the power of the resurrection, we ask that you would receive these offerings and gifts that we give joyfully and generously. By the power of your Spirit, multiply them and use them to bring peace, justice, hope, and the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**