

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love and strengthened by your life; we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. Amen.

HYMN #104

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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 through first grade. 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 nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



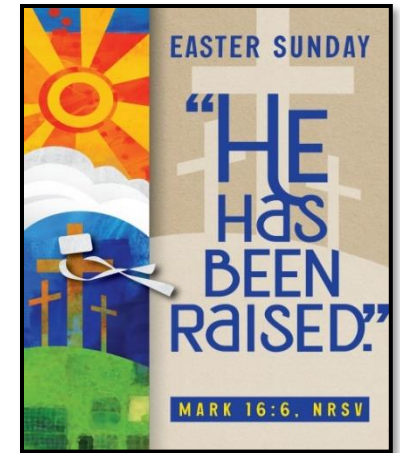
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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

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10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
(verses 1, 2, & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen;

he is risen indeed.

Out of the doom of death and despair, Victory comes, glory appears.

We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen;

he is risen indeed.

We shall live, witness, and proclaim the good news.

We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen;

he is risen indeed.

HYMN #122

“Thine Is the Glory”
(verses 1 only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us and move intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In stillness and in silence, let us acknowledge the ways we have been separated from you and who you have called us to be.

Moment of silence

We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection. In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope. Amen.

GOD’S GRACE AND PROMISE

It is Easter! Christ is Risen.

We trust that not even death can separate us from you O Lord and your love.

I declare to you, we are forgiven and can begin again to live in God’s grace.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RESPONSE *“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

SERMON

“It’s Easter Once Again”

Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

**GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING, OUR 10 CENTS A MEAL 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

O God, We offer ourselves with our gifts, recognizing that all we have is yours. Use them and us to fulfill your purposes. May our offerings do far more than we can imagine. In the spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

HYMN

“For Everyone Born”
(verses 1 & 5)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Leader continues . . .

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.