



He IS RISEN!

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

April 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Chorale in E Major”

Cesar Franck

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Christ is Risen! Proclaimed by eyewitnesses,

People: Affirmed by the Scriptures,

Pastor: Experienced by millions of believers,

People: Celebrated by the church;

Pastor: The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of history

People: And the hope of humankind.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the risen Christ.

***HYMN #232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***EASTER LITANY**

Leader: For the greening of the earth, and for the rainbow colors of roadsides
and gardens,

People: We thank you, Creator of Life.

Leader: For the promise of summer and its opportunities for refreshment and
relaxation,

People: We praise you, Sustainer of Life.

Leader: For the people who love us, and for the joy of sharing that love with
others,

People: We thank you, Giver of Life.

Leader: For the stirrings of the Spirit within us, calling us out of darkness into
your marvelous light,

People: We praise you, Transformer of Life.

Leader: For the promise of dawn that sustains us through the dark hours of the
night,

People: We thank you, Comforter of Life.

Leader: For the faith that raises our prayers beyond the medical diagnosis,

People: We praise you, Healer of Life.

Leader: For the resurrection of Christ that guarantees our own resurrection,
when all our earthly days are spent,

People: We thank you, Redeemer of Life. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS [Children may leave for "Roots and Wings" activities in the
Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25 pages 607,608 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem”

Charles Villiers Stanford

Bethany Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:1-18

pages 882,883 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

O God of Easter, God of resurrection power, bring heavenly life to our earthbound souls; you who called Lazarus forth from his tomb, call us forth from dead works, and let our hearts be aglow with immortal glory and power. Call us out of the tomb of hollow profession, of cold creeds, and wordy ritual, and let your life abundance permeate and saturate our stagnant souls, bringing joy where there is heaviness of heart. Bring peace where there is confusion; bring love where there is bitterness; and may we live on in the glorious glow of The Life which that first Easter poured upon a word of darkness. And may we always be mindful of the source of this life-giving power, and come to you regularly to be refilled. Amen.

***HYMN #246**

“Christ Is Alive!”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

(As the offering is received, please sign, pass, and return the pew pads. Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and check if you are a visitor or a member.)

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606** (Unison) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Unison)

Leader: As an expression of the new life within us,

People: we present these gifts.

Leader: As a declaration that the risen Christ is our Lord,

People: we give these tithes.

Leader: As a prayer that all peoples may hear the good news,

People: we share these offerings.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord's Table.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Please eat the bread as you are served as a sign that Christ nourishes and strengthens each one. Please hold the cup that we might drink it together to symbolize the way Christ nourishes and strengthens our unity.

Communion Music

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following His example, let us obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WORLD

***HYMN #826**

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Praeludium in G Major”

Nicolas Bruhns

A special thanks to guest brass performers Aidan Fuller and Madelyn Stoklosa for joining us this morning!

CHILDCARE is available from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM in the Church Nursery located across from the Church Library for newborns through Pre-K.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE: David Covert, Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Sue Kretovic, Gail Kuhner, Cindi Sywulski

LAY LITURGIST: Polly McCubbin

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Jim (Mike Haskin’s brother), Mark Leavitt, Melanie (Debbie Haskin’s sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	4/17	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Easter Sunday	4/17	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Monday	4/18	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Small Hall)
Tuesday	4/19	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	4/19	10 am	Personnel Committee – (Small Hall)
Tuesday	4/19	7 pm	Contemporary Worship Task Force – (Library)
Wednesday	4/20	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	4/20	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/20	7 pm	Christian Education
Wednesday	4/20	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	4/21	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir - (Sanctuary)
Saturday	4/23	10 am	Women’s Retreat – (Large Hall)
Sunday	4/24	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	4/24	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

HELPING THE UKRAINE THROUGH PRESBYTERIAN MISSION: Support emergency relief on Easter for those fleeing violence in Ukraine. Christian community in Ukraine is present in more diverse ways than in any other nation of the former Soviet Union. That diversity spans Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed, Lutheran, Baptist and many other modern traditions. In this new era the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaged in a close mission partnership with the Reformed Church in Carpath–

Ukraine, and relates to other growing Reformed denominations, as well as to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the wonderful support we received from our Bethany family during Mark's mom's illness and passing. Your kindness, prayers, and cards have provided us much comfort during this difficult time. Thank you!
~Mark, Carrie, Joshua, Matthew, and Meghan Buri

GREECE CROP HUNGER WALK: This year's Greece CROP Hunger Walk will begin on May 1, 2022 at Aldersgate Church. Walkers will confirm their registration at 1:00. Choose either the 0.5 or 2.5-mile route. 25% of funds raised will be donated to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and 75% will go to CWS for fighting hunger worldwide. Join Bethany's team or sponsor our team online here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/bethany-presbyterian-church>. To make a cash donation, contact Cheryl Fisher, provide after Sunday Service or contact one of our walkers directly.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: Hello Bethany and hello Spring! With the melting snow and the blooming flowers comes the resurfacing of highway litter. The songs of the birds remind us of the need to be good to our environment. Keeping with our years of caring, we will once again head out to the parkway in our stylish safety gear to pick up trash. Stay as long as you can and plan to meet for pizza and drinks afterward at a local establishment. We will meet at church on April 30, 2022 at 9 am in the Church Parking Lot. All interested please let Ron Fisher know by email or text at rfisher97@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

WHAT: Women's Retreat- *Wonderfull World- Where Women Explore God's Wonder and Love*

WHEN: Saturday, April 23, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bethany Church Large Hall

WHO: All women in the congregation

Lunch will be provided by Bethany Women in the Congregation

*Sponsored by Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation and the Spiritual Growth Committee

THE BETHANY TECHNOLOGY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP: We are looking for people who would be willing to help livestream Bethany's Sunday worship services by operating the camera or soundboard. No experience necessary. You will receive all the training you need by completing our "5 Minutes or Less" certification program, so that you are fully qualified to learn as you go, just like the rest of the

team. Livestreaming has become an important component to sharing the Good News and supporting our congregation. We average about 30 people watching live on-line each Sunday through Boxcast, YouTube, or Facebook. Each worship service is archived on these sites and linked to the Bethany webpage for those who want to watch or rewatch the service later. We need your help to keep this going. Please consider joining us for one Sunday a month. If interested, contact Jim Hetzler jmshetzler@gmail.com / 585-317-1956 or stop up in the choir loft after the service any Sunday.

BETHANY COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES **Approved by Session on March 27, 2022**

Sunday Worship, Funerals and Weddings

1. Worship services will take place in person and be streamed on Facebook and Boxcast.
2. Masks in the building are optional for healthy, vaccinated people, but should be worn by anyone who has been exposed to a person diagnosed with Covid-19.
3. Any individual who feels ill should worship at home on Facebook or Boxcast.
4. Printed bulletins will be distributed by the Liturgical Deacons. Bibles, Hymnbooks, envelopes, cards and pencils will be available in pews.
5. Healthy vaccinated people are not required to sit socially distanced.
6. Communion will be celebrated, with Deacons passing elements to parishioners in pews. Individual pre-packaged elements will be available in narthex for anyone desiring them.
7. Peace will be passed as part of the service. Participants may share peace as they wish with handshaking, fist or elbow bumping, raising fingers in peace sign, etc.
8. Fellowship and coffee hour may be enjoyed following services. Disposable cup will be used and cookies will be served by deacons wearing gloves.

Sunday School and Group Meetings

1. Adult and youth Sunday School classes, and Roots and Wings may take place.
2. The Crib Room shall be staffed by vaccinated individuals because the youngest of our congregation may not be protected by vaccinations.
3. Group meetings may take place in any room within the building. The maximum number of individuals participating is determined by the legal number set by the Fire Marshall.
4. Masks are optional but may be requested by any present.
5. General cleanliness of meeting area is expected. Cleaning materials will be provided.

6. Group meetings may be held on ZOOM.

Food and Drink other than Coffee Hour after worship services

1. Anyone preparing and serving food should wash hands and wear gloves.
2. It is recommended that food on buffet lines be served.

Office Work Place

1. Wearing of masks by staff is optional.
2. General cleanliness of work area is expected. Cleaning materials will be provided.

Building Maintenance

1. A supply of tissue, soap, hand sanitizers and paper towels will be provided.
2. Signs indicating proper hand washing guidelines will be posted in bathrooms.
3. Staff will clean and disinfect door handles and other surfaces frequently touched after each worship service.
4. CDC indicates that drinking fountains should be cleaned and sanitized, after each workshop service.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

Bethany Presbyterian Church

We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

Bethany's phone number: 663-3000 ~ Bethany's website: www.bethanyrochester.org