

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 12th, 2009

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Christ Arose”

Sara Ann Lamb and JoAnn Pendley

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Call to Worship (Ancient Christian Easter Greeting)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Glory to You, O God

People: Glory to You, O God:

Leader: On this day You won the victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to You, O Christ:

Leader: for us and our salvation You overcame death and opened the way to everlasting life.

People: Glory to You, O Holy Spirit:

Leader: You lead us into the truth.

People: Glory to You, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

•**Hymn 123** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

•**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Your only-begotten Son, Jesus, from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain far too often still captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given only in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Scripture from I John 1:9)

Leader: “If we confess our sins . . .”

People: “He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanses us from all sin.”

Leader: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and have victory over sin and death!

People: Thanks be to God!

•**Responding to God’s Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Mark 16

Anthem “Easter Carol”

Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-4, 20-24

Sermon “The Victory of God”

Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles’ Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 411** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory “Meditation”

Dan R. Edwards

The Bells of Bethel Choir

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 104** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above.

Postlude

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.