

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 19th, 2009

2nd Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song "Only Believe"

Opening Scripture (John 20:29)

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen . . .

People: . . . and yet have come to believe!

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

•**Hymn 469** "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

•**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. Forgive us, raise us from sin, and redeem us as Your faithful people obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 8:34, II Corinthians 5:17)

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us

Leader: Christ rose for us

People: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

•**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

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24

Anthem "I Believe In God" Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: Romans 10:12-17

Sermon "Wisdom! Let Us Attend!" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "Spirit Of The Living God"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 485** "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

•**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.