

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

April 24th, 2011

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Four Cents A Meal Offering**

**Call to Worship** (Ancient Christian Greeting, see Luke 24:34)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

•**Hymn 123** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

•**Prayer of Confession** (Ancient Christian Prayer)

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me.**

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ!

**People: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us!**

•**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:** John 2:19-22

**Anthem** "Christ Arose"

Adult Choir

**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 24:1-8

**Sermon** "Unblinded"

Rev. Joel P. Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 368** "I've Got Peace Like A River"

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes**

**Offertory**

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•**Hymn 371** "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

**Postlude**

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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