

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26th, 2009

3rd Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Holy Ground"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Minute For Mission "Rebuilding Together"

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Gathering Song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Says, "I am the Way for you"

People: And so we come to follow Christ

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you"

People: And so we come to dwell in the light.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you"

People: And so we come, Leaving behind all else to which we cling.

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

•**Hymn 108** "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

•**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Dear God, we're sorry for the times someone wasn't beautiful and we looked away.

People: We're sorry for the times someone stretched out a hand and we pretended not to notice.

Leader We're sorry for the times someone needed to be held and we clung to safety instead.

People: We're sorry for the times truth was on our tongues and we swallowed it instead of speaking it.

Leader: We're sorry for the times love was in our hearts and we were too embarrassed to express it.

People: We're sorry for the times fear was in our hearts and we didn't trust you with it.

Leader: We're sorry for the times we claimed to be innocent bystanders but were guilty for allowing wrong to be done.

People: We're sorry for the times strangers asked us for something and we pretended not to realize what they needed.

All: Renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons you call us to be. Amen.

•**Assurance of Pardon**

•**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: I Corinthians 12:1-13

Anthem "God Has A Reason" Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: John 21:15-23

Sermon "Peter Remembers" Rev. William L. Painter, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 171** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "His Strength Is Perfect"

Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 377** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

•**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.