

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

May 15th, 2011

4th Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**A Word About Ruritan**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 146:1-2)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul! While I live I will praise the Lord!

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

•**Hymn 561** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

•**Prayer of Confession**

**My Lord and My Savior, forgive me of my trespasses as I confess them to You.**

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 5:1)

Leader: Therefore, having been justified by faith. . .

**People: . . .we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

•**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:** James 2:8-13

**Anthem** "He Hideth My Soul"

Adult Choir

**Second Scripture Reading:** Revelation 2:1-7

**Sermon** "First Things"

Rev. Joel P. Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

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

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**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 467** "How Great Thou Art"

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•**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.