

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3rd, 2009

4th Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Hosanna”

Sara Ann and JoAnn

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Minute For Mission

“The Church Quilt”

Gathering Song

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:6-7)

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

People: For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

•**Hymn 466**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

•**Prayer of Confession**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who did give Your life for us that we might receive pardon and peace: mercifully cleanse us from all sin, and evermore keep us in Your favor and love, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8, 10-12)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. As heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Amen.

•**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 10:1-4

Anthem “Remember Me, O Mighty One”

Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: I Peter 3:18-4:6

Sermon “Through the Waters of Baptism”

Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

Service of Baptism

•**Hymn 492** “Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory “I Will Be Here”

Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 304** “Jesus Loves Me!”

JESUS LOVES ME

•**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.