

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

May 8th, 2011

3rd Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Recognition of Mothers**

**Call to Worship** (I Peter 2:9)

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people . . .

**People: That {we} might proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called {us} out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**The Children Honor Mother's Day**

•**Hymn 348** "Faith of Our Fathers!" (Red Hymnal)  
(We will sing "of our Mothers")

ST. CATHERINE

•**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive, O Lord, our sins and sinfulness as we confess them to You. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (II Corinthians 5:19)

Leader: In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them.

**People: And entrusting the message of reconciliation to 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**

**Anthem** "Canon of Thanks"

Adult Choir

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Sermon**

Rev. Joel P. Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.12 - Red Hymnal)

•**Hymn 376** "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" (Red Hymnal)

NEAR THE CROSS

**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 503** "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" (Red Hymnal)

SALVATION

•**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.