

Order of Worship

Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. April 21, 2019

Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the community, shows God's love to all, and serves God in all it does.

Silent Meditation – As the chorus of nature is heard and seen.

***Opening Hymn** FWS 2272 *“Holy Ground”*

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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The Resurrection of Jesus John 20:1-5

Reader: Pastor Hines

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Hymn UMH #322 *“Up From the Grave He Arose”* (verse 1)

Low in the grave He lay—

Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus my Lord!

Chorus Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o’er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene John 20:6-13

Reader: Aubrey Bates

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

Hymn UMH #322 *“Up From the Grave He Arose”* (verse 2)

Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord!

Chorus Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o’er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene John 20:14-18

Reader: Holly Smith

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn UMH #322 *“Up From the Grave He Arose”* (verse 3)

Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away—

Jesus my Lord!

Chorus Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Prayer

Because Jesus lives, the burdens of our heart can roll away like the stone before the sepulcher – name the burdens of the world for which we work, worship, and pray until they are rolled away by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Message

“Early...While It Was Still Dark”

Pastor Hines

***Closing Hymn** UMH 364 *“Because He Lives”* (verses 1-3)

Verse #1

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

Chorus Refrain:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives

Verse #2

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives

Chorus Refrain (repeat)

Verse #3

And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

Chorus Refrain (repeat)

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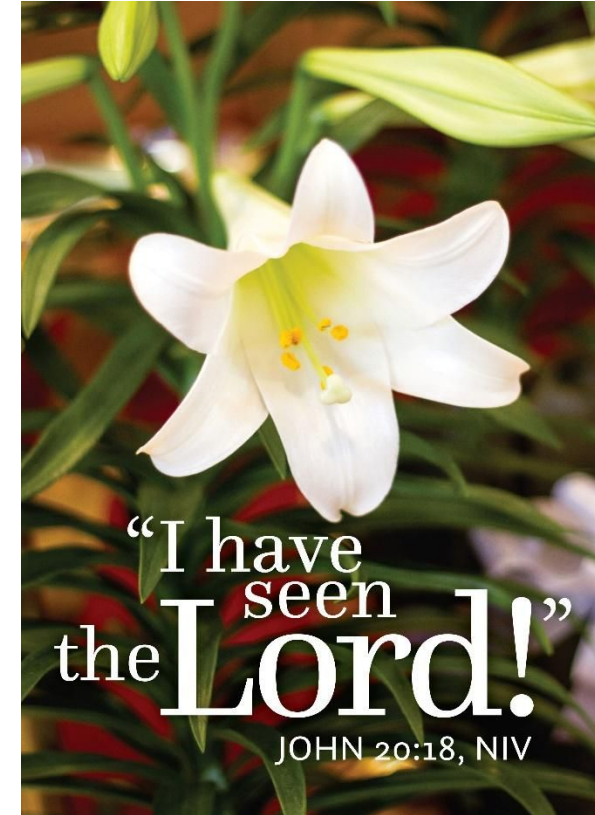
***Benediction**

*Please join us for Easter breakfast in the Café following immediately following service.
An offering basket has been placed in the Café for your gifts and tithes.*



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“Growing in Christ together, sharing God’s love with everyone.”



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