

Bethel Worship Guide – Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

To access the video recording of this morning's whole worship service, click this link: https://youtu.be/_CHJf38ENDw. This worship guide will help you follow along – and participate! If possible, you might find it helpful to print out the guide so that you can follow along.

Gather the following items ahead of time; have them ready when you begin to view the video:

- A candle to serve as your Peace Lamp
- Elements for communion: a piece of bread or cracker (enough for those in your home), and grape or other juice or water

(begin video)

Peace verse – John 20:19

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Light a candle in your worship space to represent the peace of Christ in your midst today.

Prelude: "Because He Lives" – Hymnal Worship Book #345 (played by Kathy Grabxr)

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.

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.

Welcome & Call to worship

L: The Lord is risen!

P: The Lord is risen indeed!

L: Let all the people of Bethel Mennonite Church declare:

P: The Lord is risen indeed!

L: Let all the earth declare:

P: The Lord is risen indeed!

All: Hallelujah!

Old Testament reading: Hosea 6:1-3

"Come, let us return to the Lord;

for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;

he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;

his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

he will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth."

Song: Consider the lilies

Offering: Consider what you will offer to God this week. Prayer from H #388:

Grant us, Lord, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer unto thee.

Scripture presentation: John 20:1-18

Meditation – The day that changed everything

Song: Christ the Lord is Risen today – Hymnal Worship Book #280

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

- v.1 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation joins to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!
- v.2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- v.3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- v.4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Affirmation of faith – Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,

seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Communion

Today we remember the sacrifice of Christ for the sin of the world.

And we anticipate the day when he will come again.

May we see the face of Jesus today as we gather at the table of the Lord.

Song: Taste and see – Sing the Journey #86

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Benediction

May we be made strong with all the strength

that comes from God's glorious power,

enduring everything with patience,

while joyfully giving thanks to the Father,

who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. Amen.

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