

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 1st, 2018

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

11:00 am

***Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour The Bells of Bethel

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*
Marion Simmers

(White prayer request sheets are in the pew racks. Please pass your request(s) to the center aisle during the first hymn where they will be collected by the Deacons.)

****Passing of God's Peace**

****“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Chris-tian love:

The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds

Is like to that a-bove.

Prelude “Trumpet Tune” The Blue Ridge Brass
(John Stanley 1712-1786)

WE APPROACH GOD

Choral Introit

The Call to Worship Marion Simmers

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: God is alive..

People: New birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive...

People: A new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive...

People: Redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive

People: Death cannot harm us.

Leader: Peace is alive...

The Call to Worship *(continued)*

People: New life is within us.

Leader: The church is alive...

People: God's spirit is within us.

All: God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you.

God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

****Hymn of Praise 123** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
Accompanied by organ and The Blue Ridge Brass
(Prayer requests to the center aisle to be collected by the Deacons.)

Prayer of the Day Kelly-Ann Rayle

Call to Confession Marion Simmers
Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened friends, that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning . . .

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, and death is defeated forever.

People: On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Celebration of God's Grace** “Alleluia, Alleluia!”



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Conversation with the Young People Kelly-Ann Rayle

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world

Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;

Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

(Young people may go downstairs for special activities following the conversation.)

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem “Easter Morning” Adult Choir
(Dudley Buck 1839-1909)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1, 14-24 *(pages 541-542)*

New Testament Reading: Mark 16:1-8 *(page 50)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Something Happened . . .” Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD

****Hymn 118** “The Day of Resurrection!”
Accompanied by organ and The Blue Ridge Brass

****Statement of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)*

****Gloria Patri** (#579)

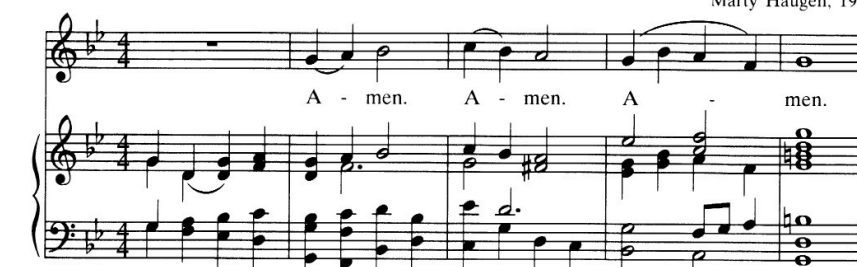
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Amen, Amen, Amen (#583)

Amen 583

Marty Haugen, 1984



Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The Blue Ridge Brass
“Chorale and Prelude on Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing - Hymn 111”
(Melchoir Vulpius 1570-1615 and Healey Willan 1880-1968, arr. Bob Moody b.1941)

****Doxology (#592)**

****The Prayer of Dedication**

****Hymn 122** *“Thine Is the Glory”*
 Accompanied by organ and The Blue Ridge Brass

****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” #540 (verse 1)
**God be with you till we meet a-gain;
 Lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you.
 With a Shep-herd’s care en-fold you:
 God be with you till we meet a-gain**

Postlude *(please feel free to stay and listen)* The Blue Ridge Brass
“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” - Psalm 19
(Benedetto Marcello 1686-1739)

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters Tom & Lee Ann Heizer

Lay Leader Marion Simmers

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 Linda Tenney Drury Whitaker

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THE SESSION

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Daniel Gano	Tabitha Moore	Dean Caldwell
Rhonda Johnson	Robert Olson	Patricia Quick
Marion Simmers	Mac Williams	Kathy Swisher

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Brian Lee	Alex Sproul	Linda Tenney
Joe F. Williams	Dale Thompson	Drury Whitaker

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Circle Leaders

Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law
 Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

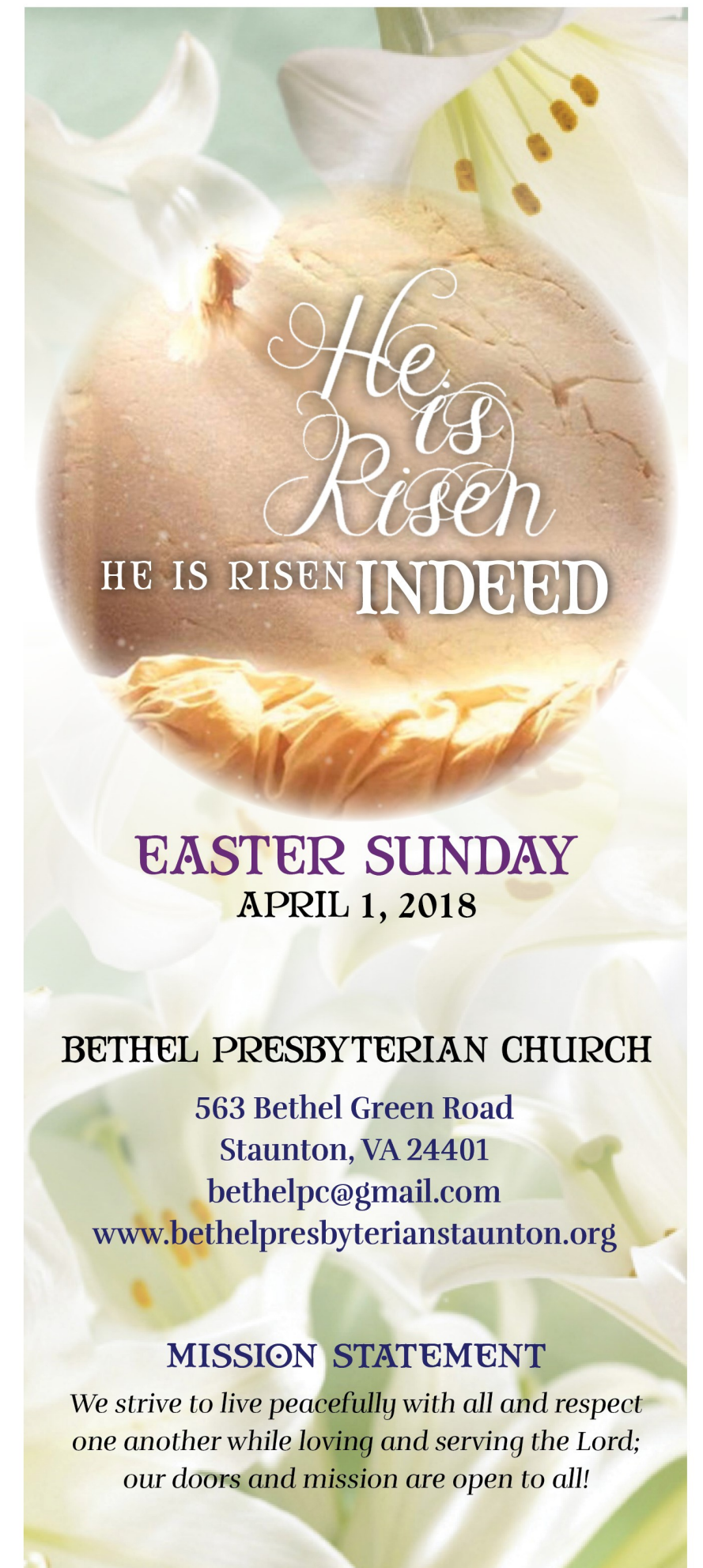
MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President

Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the PCUSA worldwide missionaries.

Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia
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MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all!