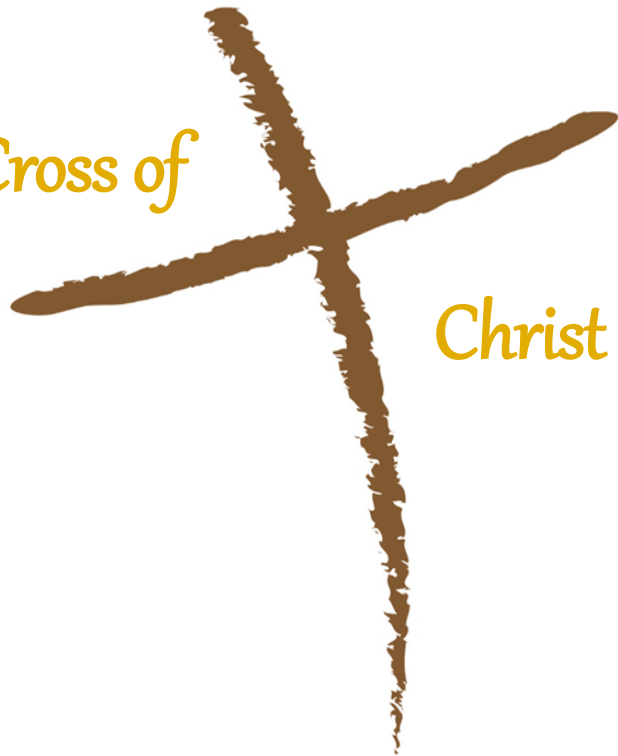


Bethel Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday Worship & Service of Confirmation
April 21, 2019

“In the Cross of



Christ | Glory!”

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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April 21st, 2019
Easter/Resurrection of the Lord
Confirmation Sunday
11:00 am

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

Thank you for worshipping 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.

GATHERING

Ringing of the Bell

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

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

Prelude

WE APPROACH GOD

****Call to Worship**

Pastor: Christ is risen.

People: *Christ is risen, indeed.*

Pastor: God is alive...

People: *New birth is given.*

Pastor: Hope is alive...

People: *A new age is dawning.*

Pastor: Joy is alive...

People: *Redemption is here.*

Pastor: Love is alive...

People: *Death cannot harm us.*

Pastor: Peace is alive...

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People: *New life is within us.*

Pastor: 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 Adoration 248**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

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 angels 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 Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Pastor: 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**

"Hallelujah!"

*Your love is a-maz-ing, stead-y and un-chang-ing.
Your love is a moun-tain, firm be-neath my feet.
Your love is a mys-t'ry, how You gent-ly lift me.
When I am sur-round-ed Your love car-ries me.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

*Your love is sur-pris-ing, I can feel it ris-ing,
all the joy that's grow-ing deep in-side of me.
Ev-'ry time I see You all Your good-ness shines through.
I can feel this God song ris-ing up in me.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

*Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah,
Your love makes me sing.*

"Hallelujah!"

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

Anthem

"Because He Lives"
Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Easter Homily

"Out of the Tomb"
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn of Reflection 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Call to the Young People

Call for the Confirmation Class and Mentors:

	<u>Confirmands</u>	<u>Mentors</u>
Young Adults	Harleigh Lee Madison Miller	Pastor Kelly-Ann Pastor Kelly-Ann
High Schoolers	William Hanger Bayleigh Lee Lydia Lee Cameron “Moose” Lee Samantha Moore	Mac Williams Rhonda Johnson Sally Williams Joseph Williams Katie Williams
Middle Schoolers	Ashlyn Almarode Breanna Bartley Ramsey Hanger Andrew McFarlane Catherine Schooley James Schooley	Katie McElveen Rhonda Johnson Ellen Fitzgerald Derek Almarode Emily Williams John Davis

Presentation Elder Joseph Williams, Pastor Kelly-Ann, & Deacon Martha Simmers

Lighting of the Confirmation Candles

Profession of Faith/Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil, and its power in the world?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing His love?

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Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

Pastor: Will you devote yourself to the church's teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

**Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell.*

*The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor: Gracious God, by the water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in (NAMES) the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Send them forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Laying on of Hands

Pastor: O' Lord, uphold (NAMES) by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever.

All: *Amen.*

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Anointing

Pastor: (NAMES) remember your baptism and be thankful and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

Communion

Presentation of Gifts

Blessing and Charge

Elder Irene Elliott

Elder: May the Lord bless you and keep you. Remember you are God's beloved.

People: *May the Lord make His face to shine upon you.*

Elder: May the Lord give you comfort and peace.

People: *Remember you are Christ's own. May the Lord challenge and convict you, guard and guide you through the Power of the Holy Spirit.*

All: *Amen.*

Hymn 486

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (verses 2 & 3)

*Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.
Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.*

Welcome

Elder David Schooley

Elder: By professing your faith publicly, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism. May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church.

All: *Amen, Alleluia.*

(As the Clerk of Session, Elders, Pastor, and Mentors welcome the Confirmed please join in song...Confirmed, et. all then kindly proceed to be seated by the songs end.)

Hymn 306

"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.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

with Eli and JoAnn, special music of "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Malotte

Invitation to Sharing

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Wade Cash, Alex Sproul, Linda Tenney, Drury Whitaker

**Doxology

**Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

**Sending Hymn 157

"I Danced in the Morning"

**Charge and Benediction

**Congregational Response 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (verse 1)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

Postlude

Make sure to pick up a copy of the weekly announcements available in the vestibule and on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room. The staff of Bethel wishes you and your family a blessed Easter!