

Bath Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

In Church, In Parking Lot (Radio 105.3 FM) or on Facebook
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Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Music for Praise & Meditation

Welcome!

Announcements

- In the life of our Church
- Minute for Mission
- Sharing of Joys & Concern
- Covenant Church for Prayers: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joe Whitt.

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Lenten reflection

One: This is the day

All: when God shines the way out of pandemic's worry, and grace offers bouquets of good news.

One: This is the day the Lord

All: sings songs of wonder to awaken us and life teaches us new dance steps.

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: The day when hope pushes aside the stone of our months of fear, when love takes our hand so we can walk together into life. Let us worship God!

*Call to Worship in Music: #821 Refrain Only "How Can I Keep from Singing"

No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

***Call to Confession:** The gospel assures us that those who love God will be protected, and those who call out in times of trouble will be answered. With faith and hope, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession:** In our foolishness, we think this old story has nothing to do with us, God of Imagination, and so we miss the incredible news that love has triumphed over hate, goodness has defeated evil, that life has broken the power of death and the grave. Yet, this is a day of joy, of wonder, of grace which never ends, God of every life, God of very life. So, may we push aside the stone of indifference we have rolled across our hearts, so we may be reminded that this old story is new every moment, that those ancient promises still hold true,

God is not what you think,
or even what you believe,
because God is
a work unspoken,
a thought unthought,
a belief unbelieved.
So if you wish to know this God,
practice wonder,
do what is good,
and cultivate silence.
The rest will follow.

that we are the ones by called by the Gardener of grace, Jesus our Brother, who calls us by name and anoints us with resurrection love. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** On that first day, and the next, and every day until now and beyond, God turns, calls us by name, planting mercy and life into our hearts. Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is our peace, the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

*Opening Hymn – #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

The Passing of the Peace - Stay seated and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family - smile, wave, flash the peace sign, etc.

Children's Sermon

1st Scripture Reading – Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – John 20: 1-18

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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the

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linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "I Have See the Lord...!" Pastor Emily Haddox

***Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (The United Church)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People – Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Sung Prayer Response: "What a friend we have in Jesus"

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit. Oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

Offering

Special Music: "An Easter Allelujah" – Bath Church Choir

***Doxology**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: It is the Risen Lord, who welcomes us to this Meal.

All: We come to feast on life and peace.

One: Here, the Gardener of life plants seeds of hope and wonders.

All: We nourish them to produce bouquets of grace for others.

One: Here, the Singer of lyrics of goodness teaches us new songs.

All: Songs of how death has no more power over us.

One: There was only chaos... With all who hope in Christ, with all who continue to question, we sing songs of praise to you:

All: Holy, holy, holy are you, Love which never ends. All creation sings Easter cantatas. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Blessed is the One who has destroyed death. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: In the chaotic times and place long ago... as we join in glad alleluias on this day, we proclaim that faith which is a mystery:

All: The One thought dead, lives; the One thought to be lost, finds us; the One we think we will never see will call us by name to bring us home.

One: On this Easter morning, we pray ...along with our sisters and brothers of every time and place, we will sing of our love for you, forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn - #250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Every Morning is Easter Morning" – Bath Church Choir and Congregation

Announcements & More

Every Sunday:

- ✓ Breakfast – 9 am
- ✓ Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30: In person and via Zoom

Ongoing:

- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items; bar, hand & body soap.

Anniversary:

😊 April 18 – Donna & Brian Swingley

Mission:

- ✝ One Great Hour of Sharing collection - through April 17

On the Horizon:

- ✝ April 24 – Session Meeting – After Worship
- ✝ April 24 & May 1- Mother's Day Healthy Women, Healthy Family Donation
- ✝ May 1 – Coffee & Donuts – After Worship

The memory of God
comes to the quiet
mind