

Worship on the Lord's Day

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Ten O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Nettles, *Liturgist*

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Almighty, Unchangeable God

Cindy Berry

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the morning when the sun rises

People: **We shall praise you, O Lord.**

Leader: You have delivered us through every long night

People: **And give us safe passage across rivers of struggle.**

Leader: The darkness is past; the Light has come.

ALL: **In joy we raise our song and prayer to you, O Lord.**

*INVOCATION

Liturgist

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory; now is risen from the dead.
2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from, death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on that resurrection morn,
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Most Holy God, in the flush of new-sprung life the earth yields its treasures, every new blade of grass, sculpted flower, and budding tree exults, "Our lives continue, praise be to God!" Your Spirit dwells within us as vital and deep as the beating of the heart, as steady as the drawing of breath. You raise within each of us a song of unutterable joy and unfading hope. Sound through our lives now and forever. Bless and uphold us, that through the channel of our lives the whole body of Christ may be blessed and healed. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Let each pray silently)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men A-men.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

ANTHEM

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament Readings

Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON

"The Most Important Event in History"

Rev. Doug Blaikie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory

Amazing Love

Graham Kendrick

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

Refrain: Dance, then wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with Me and the dance went on.
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
And left Me there on a cross to die.

(refrain)

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:
But I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut Me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

(refrain)

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

*POSTLUDE

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

William Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able

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Verse to remember: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-38.

Note: Jesus did not make a suggestion: he commanded!

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Michelle Melton
Bill Dover
Ruth Rawdon, back surgery
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Lou Anne Hildebrand- back pain

Steve Rawdon (Ruth's husband)
Ethan Hose
Eddie Alan Smith, back
PNC Committee
Margaret Moore

Homebound: Robert Jones (Brookdale- Spring Arbor)

Death: Family & friends of Nancy Medlin McDaniel, (Margaret Moore's sister) 4-3-21

In the Community and Beyond

Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother) ALS
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)
Casey Lane (Nancy Smith's nephew) dialysis
Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law) cancer
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother) cancer
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Karen Starkey, cancer
"Leggs"
Ashley, Caitlyn, Summer, Kylie (Donna's friends)
Ottis Wagner
David Ballard

Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer
Amanda Hall (LaRayne's daughter) leukemia
Ellen Green
Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover's son-in-law)
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)
Mary Parkman (Walkers' friend) stomach cancer
Blakely Percival- spinal surgery 11-2-20
Heath (Tara Rogers' 3 year old friend) cancer
Jerry Knight
Ella Kingston (Lou Anne's 2 yr old friend) genetic disorder
Cathie Williams (Donna's sister-in-law) heart testing

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery service suspended for now

NEXT SUNDAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

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APRIL USHERS

Debbie Simpson, Irvin Jones, Jimmy Darby

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Worship Children's Church- Fellowship Hall Elder Nominating Committee- Ladies' Parlor Session Meeting- Fellowship Hall
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts- Picnic shelter/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:00 pm	PNC Committee- Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Wednesday Dinner- Fellowship Hall
Thursday	4:00 pm 7:30 pm	Thursday Bible Study- Cancelled Country Partner Dance- Fellowship Hall

Life of the Church

WELCOME TO BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN! We are glad you're here. We hope all here will feel at home, strengthened in your faith, and that the Lord will be honored as we worship Him and respond in discipleship. If you have special needs, questions about Bethesda, or need assistance, please see one of our Ushers. If you are a guest who has been attending who is interested in becoming a member, we would love for you to see an Usher to discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of our church. Bethesda is a congregation of the PCUSA.

2021 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in the bulletin on that Sunday, notify Pat at **803-328-1360** or email bethesda@comporium.net by previous Tuesday.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the **Glory of God and in celebration of a happy first birthday to Madelyn and Wyatt McCoy, grandchildren of Jim and Lisa Percival.**

Next Sunday, April 25 is a collection day for **PATH**. Please bring non-perishable food and/or hygiene items.

Copies of the **Bethesda Banner** April Newsletter are available.

Thursday Bible study will not meet this Thursday, April 22.

Graduates- Please let Bobby Fulmer or Dorothy Williamson know of anyone who has a graduate this year that should be recognized,

TGI Wednesdays has resumed on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Reservations will be required with a limit of 35 people in the Fellowship Hall. Masks should be worn at all times except at the table you are eating at. To make reservations or to order take out, call Steve at (803) 417-3571, by the end of the Monday before. If no answer, leave a message.

The Worship Committee is looking for people to sign up for the flower chart. Chart is located to the right of the narthex (front) of the sanctuary.

Also, **John Nettles is looking for people to be liturgist for the coming year.**

The Property Committee has the following for sale: desk \$50.00. For details, contact Trudy Amick or the Church Office 803-328-1360.

In Person Worship- Any children ages 3 and above are invited to come to children's church during the regular worship time. We will meet in the fellowship hall where we can practice social distancing. During this time, we will have a worship service, a lesson, and some fun activities. When parents come to church, they can just leave their children at the fellowship hall. We do ask that the children wear masks during this time. We hope this will allow parents and children to fully enjoy their worship time.

Bethelwoods Camp (in York, SC) is currently hiring for summer jobs and would like your help finding excellent staff people. Bethelwoods staff members are imperfect but joyful, vulnerable, Christ-centered, hard-working, and kids-at-heart. If you know someone who wants to make a difference this summer while pursuing Jesus in an authentic community, this is the job for them. More information can be found at bethelwoods.org/job-opportunities

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites for May2021

May 6: 1:00 pm- Mt. Hebron Baptist, 262 Neely Store Rd., Rock Hill

May 7: 1:00 pm- Faith Presbyterian Church, 7520 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land

May 28: 9:00 am- Mt Vernon UMC, 2161 Smithfield Rd., Hickory Grove

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these pantries. Questions? Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging. 803-329-9670

Bethelwoods Updates- Summer Camp 2021 registration is now open. Email info@bethelwoods.org or call **803-366-3722**.

Sunday Worship is available on the YouTube channel on our website. www.bethesdapres.org Check the Bethesda website for updates, information and family resources.

Join Pastor Doug each week at 4:00 pm on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible Study. The new Study is on the Minor Prophets. Bible Study Lessons will be posted each Friday morning on our church YouTube Channel www.bethesdapres.org. Gather together, share with friends and family as we grow in God's Word together.

How Do I Contact My Pastor? Rev. Blaikie is available in the church office Tuesday – Friday between 9:00 am – Noon. Otherwise, you may contact him on one of the phones shown below:

Church office (803) 328-1360

Manse (803) 329-6441

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SESSION

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Trudy Amick
Bobby Fulmer
Jim Percival
Debbie Simpson

Class of 2022

Ernice Bookout
Irvin Jones
Linda Messer
Dorothy Williamson

Class of 2023

Sarah Childers
Jimmy Darby
Susan Hibbard
Todd Russell

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

Todd Russell, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Assistant Adam Cole

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