

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

April 21, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please be seated in silence)

Organ Prelude

Handel

“ Hallelujah Chorus “

Call to Worship

Antiphonal

Leader: The Light shone in the darkness but people loved the darkness and sought to extinguish the Light.

People: *But the darkness did not overcome it.*

Leader: May the lighting of this candle signify for us our participation in the Light of the Risen Christ who shines on us and banishes our darkness.

People: *In him is life, and the life is the light of all people.*

Leader: Jesus Christ, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all the ages of ages.

People: *It is his gift to us.*

Leader: Rejoice! Sleeper awake! Behold the empty tomb. The stone is rolled away and the grave clothes neatly folded. No more is there the smell of death. Jesus Christ is risen!

People: *Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

Leader: Rejoice! Rise from the dead! The scriptures are fulfilled and the victory won. The dominion of sin and death is overthrown. Behold the Risen Christ!

People: *Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

Leader: Rejoice! The curtain is torn and God invites us in! Arise and shine; Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: *Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

***Hymn**

#204

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and

help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death, yet we confess that we are often not the Easter people that we know we should be. Failing to trust in your gracious power to change our lives, we remain bound by the ways that lead to death. Distracted by the world, we fail to hear your voice and become defensive when our faith is challenged. Consumed with trivial circumstances and concerns, we are easily diverted from our life of prayer and service. Preferring our own control, we seek life among the dead and shun playing our part in your life. God of mercy, you defeated death to show that we can rise from all that binds us to the world. Throw open the gates of life and become for us once again that risen Presence within our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Inspired by a prayer of St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)

L: Hear the Good News: Christ is risen: the power of evil is fallen. Christ is risen: the dominion of death is vanquished. Christ is risen: we are reconciled to God and there is rejoicing in heaven.

P: He is risen indeed: Glory and power are his forever and ever!

***The Peace**

The Offertory

“An Easter Blessing”

Hegarty

***The Doxology**

#544

***The Prayer of Dedication**

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination

Three-fold holy God, as the scripture is read and your Word proclaimed, let your love remind us that it is your power, not ours, that gives us hope for new life and peace. In Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 696

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm

Pew Bible pg. 565

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg. 176

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*** Congregational Anthem**

#209

“Thine is the Glory”

(Please Remain Standing for Reading of the Gospel)

***Gospel Reading**

Pew Bible pg. 90

Luke 24:1-12

Easter Meditation

Rev. Walkup

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Distribution of the Light**

*Attendants will light candles from the Paschal Candle
And pass it to members of the congregation.
Please pass the light to the person next to you
as the Light of Christ fills the Church*

On the final hymn stanza

please raise your lit candle above your head.

***Please extinguish your candle at the end
of the Blessing & Charge***

***Hymn**

INSERT

"Because He Lives"

***Blessing and Charge**

Minister

***Recessional**

Broughton

"Christ Hath Triumphed"

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY; Jeri Stoehr, Rose Marie Neill, Vince Wisbar

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT SUNDAY: Dottie Fisher, Bob David, Cheryl David

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "Easter Sunday" 2 Timothy 1:8-10
MONDAY: "Caring For Creation" Genesis 1:26-31
TUESDAY: "A New Creation" Ephesians 2:1-7
WEDNESDAY: "Make a Joyful Noise" Psalm 100:1-5
THURSDAY: "A Great Banquet" Matthew 10:28-31
FRIDAY: "Riding The Bus" Psalm 23:1-6
SATURDAY: "Great In the Kingdom" Romans 2:17-21
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"(The women) left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples. Matthew 28:8 (NRSV)*

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Margaret Tissue, Myrna Trautvetter, Cheryl Harriett, Jean Beyer and Eloise Berglund.

M. A. G. I.

Want to make a Godly impact? That is what the M.A.G.I. (Make a Godly Impact) is all about, bringing joy to needy children in Honduras, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Zambia.

We have available MAGI boxes and a simple list of gifts guaranteed to put a smile on the faces of the children who receive them.

If you feel you can partner in this effort, please pick up a box and suggested packing list by the hall table.

Filled boxes will be collected and taken to Whitehall Christian Church on May 9, 2019 for distribution.

Blessings to you,

Dr. Bob



**MAY YOU ALL HAVE A VERY
BLESSED
AND HAPPY EASTER!**