

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018



## WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

### PRELUDE

*Nocturne No. 20 in C# Minor, Fredric Chopin*

### GATHERING & WELCOME

#### Call to Worship to Honor Our Immigrant and Refugee Sisters and Brothers

**Pastor:** God of life, prepare our hands for a touch, a new and different touch.

**Congregation:** **Prepare our hands for a touch. A touch of encounter. A touch of awakening. A touch of hope.**

**Pastor:** Many are the worn-out gestures, many are the useless excuses for avoiding brothers and sisters.

**Congregation:** **Give us daring to create new forms of community, new links of affection, breaking away from old ways of relating, encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness.**

*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.*

# GATHERING SONG

# Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:  
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - April 22:
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pastor Michael Keys	Pastor Michael Keys
Pastor:	Pastor Christine Core	Pastor Christine Core
Musician:	Timmy Straw	Timmy Straw
Usher:		
Reader:	Marlo Edman	Marlo Edman
Communion:		

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, hear us as we pray for justice and peace. Let us truly be with each other in community; help us to pay attention to one another's breathing. Help us to be aware of the source of all being, common to us all and to all living things. Fill our hearts with the compassion and love you have shown toward all by your sacrifice on the cross. We pray this in the name of the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FIRST READING

I John 3: 1 - 7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

*The New Colossus, by Emma Lazarus*

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep ancient land, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

**Luke 24: 36b - 48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Children of the Heavenly Father



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from



all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



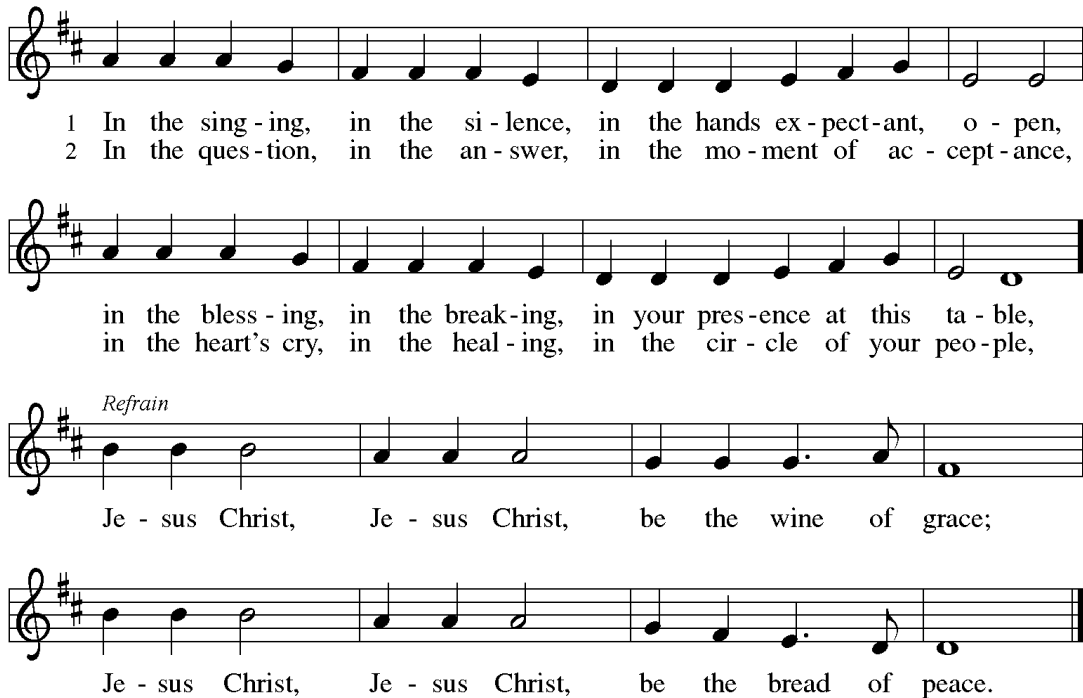
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**In the Singing**



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,

in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

*Refrain*

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. **Hallelujah!**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

# COMMUNION HYMN

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



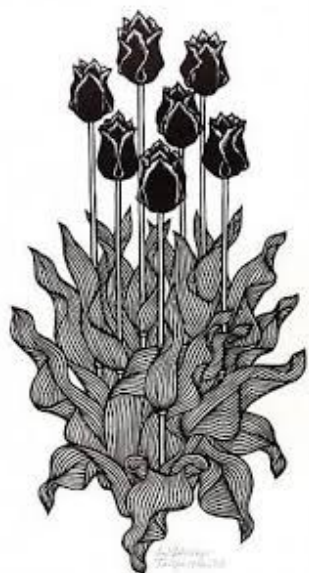
*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



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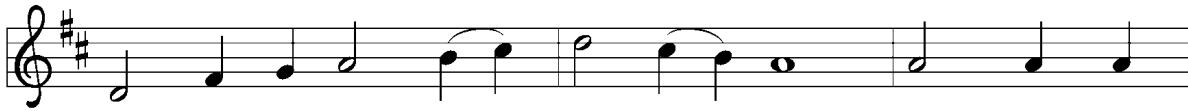
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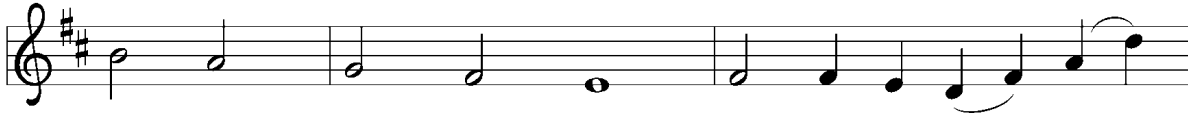


# SENDING HYMN

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1, 2 & 5)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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|---|---|
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br>he lives to plead for me above;<br>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>he lives to help in time of need.                       | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>he lives and loves me to the end;<br>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!    |

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world! Go in peace to do as you have been told: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

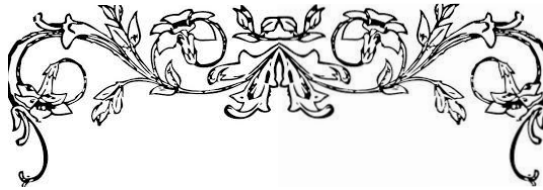
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Coming Up:*

April 15     Church Council  
 April 25     NORCOR Action with IMIrJ  
 May 19      Cabaret & Cabernet



### O God, Hear Our Prayer

Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all victims of shooting violence	Peace and comfort and that our distress of our hearts become action to prevent more violence	Bethel Staff
Vance	Prayers for healing	Gabe Burghard
Justin Richardson	Prayers for the family of Karen Carpenter's nephew Justin, killed suddenly in a car accident, and particularly for Justin's mother Christy Richardson	Karen Carpenter
Elizabeth Presberg	For healing and comfort, as her health is fragile	Joann Noll
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family	The Bentleys
David Lingnau	Prayers for healing and comfort; prayers for Stephanie and the rest of the Burdick family	Pr. Christine
Shirley and Jeff Kolpin	Prayers of healing for Jeff; peace and comfort for Shirley	Cate Milburn
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, the family of Skip Getman, Vance Burghard, Dennis Mitchell, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, Paul Beezhold, Dorothy Hansen, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon, Steve Garrick, Wayne & June Hassebroek.		

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR EASTER SEASON

We believe we are called to respond actively and publicly to the suffering of our immigrant brothers and sisters in the United States. **Our scriptures tell us we must do so:**

*You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.*

Exodus 22:21

*You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.*

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

And, as Jesus taught: *He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:*

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'*

Luke 4:17b-19

**Our conscience tells us we must do so:** In 2016, the Oregon Synod of the ELCA became the first in the synod to declare themselves a "Sanctuary Synod." The statement - passed by all of us through our governing body - encourages us to "become Sanctuary churches ready to protect refugees and undocumented sisters and brothers from arrest and deportation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers."

Bethel joins with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice to lift up immigrants who live and work in our community. We give thanks for the many gifts and talents they bring to our nation. We give thanks for all who live in our community who came here to escape poverty, oppression or violence; and for those who came seeking opportunity. We open our hearts to provide welcome and accompaniment to people facing persecution and oppression. As faithful people of God, we pray for all immigrants and refugees.

In part, our worship this blessed Easter Season will help us focus on the suffering of our immigrant sisters and brothers and, we pray, deepen our commitment to them.





## The Time is Now.

# ICEoutofNORCOR

Over the month of April, IMIrJ is rolling out a campaign to get Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) out of NORCOR (Northern Oregon Regional Corrections). IMIrJ is calling on teams from faith communities across the state to join in this effort! How will Bethel and its members and friends respond?

**What is NORCOR?** NORCOR is a four-county (Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman and Wasco) public jail in The Dalles with an ICE contract. A lawsuit, filed by the Oregon Law Center in Portland, is asking for the cessation of holding immigration detainees at NORCOR. A 1987 state law prohibits the use of state or local resources to “detect or apprehend” people whose only offence is being the country illegally. This suit contends the jail is in violation of that state law through its ICE contract “which requires it to incarcerate individuals solely to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law.”

**Why Now?** On May 1st, 2017 a hunger strike was launched by immigrants who had been detained at NORCOR. That same week, local organizers began to host daily vigils and clergy began to visit those detained. Faith communities from around Oregon have traveled to stand in solidarity with detainees. We’ve now heard countless stories of poor conditions, the outrageous cost of phone calls, and the devastating effect the “NO VISITATION” policy is having on detainees and their families. This visitation policy only allows legal counsel and clergy to visit and even then there is a thick glass plate separating detainees from clergy. Local clergy report again and again the pain of not being able to celebrate Communion with those who want to receive the Sacrament. This contract fundamentally violates our state sanctuary law. ***As we approach the one year anniversary, it’s time for people of faith to come together and act!***

Working with those who have been detained, local organizers, and clergy in the Gorge, faith communities around the state will be amplifying the voices and stories of those who have been detained as well as participating in a series of education opportunities and escalating actions. The campaign will lead up to a statewide convening and action at NORCOR in The Dalles on **Saturday, April 28th.**

### Can we commit to doing the following?

1. Pray or light a candle for those detained as well as the local clergy and organizers,
2. Participate on weekly calls (or watch recording) – Log in information to come ...
3. Before April 26th, sign the petition - circulating during service and posted on the IMIrJ website - calling for the reinstatement of family visiting rights for immigrants detained at NORCOR.
4. Mobilize for action on April 28th (or plan solidarity action locally)