

Prelude

Music Team

Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)

Acolyte

Welcome

Rev. Michelle

***Passing of Christ's Peace**

Rev. Michelle

One: May Christ's Peace be with you!

MANY: And also, with you.

Announcements

Barb Hester

***Invitation to Worship**

Barb Hester

One: We arrive to discover the empty tomb.

MANY: Where is the body? What should we believe??

One: Christ is risen!

MANY: Yes! He is risen indeed!

One: Let us pray.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Barb Hester

ALL: Resurrecting and live-giving, Lord, you have raised your son for us and within us. We know that no matter what happens, your plan of salvation will triumph. Thank you for redeeming us and working through us so all will receive life in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Opening Song**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Music Team

Children's Moment:

Rev Michelle

Song

"Christ Arose!"

#224

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Barb Hester

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Michelle

The Lord's Prayer (Matthean, KJV)

Congregation

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity		Rev. Michelle
Offering Collection		Ushers
*Doxology #46		Amy Duncan
<p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!</p>		
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Michelle
Special Song:	<p>“Love of God” by Michael Lark and Phil Wickham</p>	Music Team
Message	<p>The Open Tomb Matthew 28:1-15</p>	Rev. Michelle
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	<p>“I Come with Joy” (vv. 1, 4, & 5)</p>	#419
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord’s Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Steve Appel
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
*Benediction		Rev. Michelle
<p>Please stand in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing.</p>		
<p>One: Go forward with hope and joy. ALL: We receive hope from our resurrecting God. We go with joy singing, he lives!</p>		
*Closing Song	<p>“He Lives!”</p>	#226
*Exit	<p>God bless and have a wonderful week!</p>	Matt

Prayer List

If you have any joys or prayer concerns or have someone to be removed from the list, please send them to bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com

We continue to hold in prayer:

Katie Kelly	Debby Miller	Caroline Ashby	Stevie Chivlare
Steve Appel	Michelle Gilles	Myra Woolsey	Jordan & Melanie Rundle
Mary Jane Hunt	Sheila Smith	Lisa Russell	Wes & JoAnn Mitchell
Nancy Slaton	Dave Cox	Stacy Baier	Family & Friends of Diane Huett
Cale Harper	Nancy McGuyer	Ron Dennis	Family of John Cheadle
Frank Rynkiewich	Steve Cox	John Bunner	Family of Gary Dorsey
Ruth & Joe Lenko	Angie Moers	Lisa King	Mary & Mike Pruiett
Jeff Main	Steve Buckert	Donna Harper	Barb Hester
Julia Wood	Nita Cox	Linda Appel	Nancy Boner

Upcoming Dates

Sunday April 20, 2025 – Elder’s Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Easter Special Offering, Birthday & Anniversary Offering.

Monday April 21, 2025 – GEY Crochet Club 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 22, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m., Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 23, 2025 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Choir 6:30 p.m.

Sunday April 27, 2025 – Church Board Meeting after Worship.

ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Children’s Moment	Rev. Michelle Brown	Keyboard	Amy Duncan
Additional Band Members	Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne		

Those Serving Today: Elder: Steve Appel, Liturgist: Barb Hester, Deacons: John Sterne & Deena Gibson, & W&W (Storyteller): ?????

Those Serving Next Sunday, April 27, 2025: Elder: Barb Hester, Liturgist: John Sterne, Deacons: John Sterne & Deena Gibson, & W&W (Storyteller): Sheri Cox

Learn the Word - Live the Grace - Share the Love

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Bethany Christian Church is an open and affirming congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (Romans 15:7).

We at Bethany Christian Church are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ seeking to learn the word, live the grace, and share the love, we welcome ALL to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us with grace and unconditional love and acceptance. So, with open hearts, open minds, and open doors, Bethany Christian Church acknowledges, accepts, and affirms ALL people as equal children of God and affirms OUR commitment to welcome and accept ALL people. Therefore, regardless of race, nationality, culture, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, physical and mental ability, marital standing, or any other designation of individuals who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination by the church and society, ALL are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and mission of our church.

Visit Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance (<https://disciplesallianceq.org/>) to learn more!

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