

Welcome to Bethany's time of

## **PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ❖ Heritage Sunday**

**April 21, 2024**

### *“Clap Your Hands”*

Clap your hands all you people  
Shout to God, with the voice of triumph  
Clap your hands all you people  
Sing for joy unto the Lord

Singing Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Singing Alleluia, Alleluia  
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Singing Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus Christ is the Lord of all Lord of all the earth (3x)

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### **REMEMBERING BETHANY'S MISSION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,  
we seek to live our mission of:

**C: being, living as, and making disciples of  
Jesus Christ.**

### **PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**He leads me beside still waters;**

**he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,

**I will fear no evil; for you are with me;**

**Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

**You anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup runs over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

## **WELCOME! MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

### *“Great is Your Love”*

#### *Chorus 1*

I will praise You O Lord my God  
With all of my heart  
I will glorify Your name forever  
I will praise You O Lord my God  
With all of my heart  
I will glorify Your name forever

#### *Chorus 2*

Great is Your love to me  
You have delivered me  
Great is Your love to me  
You have delivered me

#### *Verse 1*

Hear the passion of my prayer O Lord  
I have a desperate need to praise Your name  
Your forgiveness and Your mercy are the only way  
That I can get to You to say

#### *Verse 2*

Just to know You is to be alive  
Your love has lifted me up from my grave  
You have rescued me from sin and I am blown away  
It's all that I can do to say

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### **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you  
seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us,  
and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be  
whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. **Amen.**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

*Acts 4: 5-12*

*1 John 3: 16-24*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**Agape Road**

*“All the People Said Amen”*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living & the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING FOR OUR HERITAGE

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C: The Lord has become my salvation.**

L: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell.

**C: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long!**

L: Let the Word of God be proclaimed  
for a future generation,

**C: so that a people yet unborn  
may praise the Lord.**

*The leader continues with a Thanksgiving Prayer.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Congregation sings at beginning and at close:*

**Hear, oh Lord, the sound of my call  
Hear, oh Lord, and have mercy.  
My soul is longing for the glory of you.  
Oh hear, oh Lord, and answer me.**

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*Responses between petitions:*

L: ...Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer**

## THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us; And lead us not temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## "Create in Me"

*Refrain*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. *Repeat*

Cast me not away from Your presence, Oh Lord.  
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me. *Refrain*

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## GOSPEL READING

*John 10: 11-18*

## MESSAGE

## "Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

*Bridge*

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

*Refrain 1*

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary

*Refrain 2*

You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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## BLESSING

## "Raise a Hallelujah"

*Chorus*

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder  
you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord... with enthusiasm!  
**C: Thanks be to God! And we will!**