

WORSHIP *at home*

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020



Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Listen to, or sing:

[Everlasting God](#)

Prayer:

God of Hope, we come into your presence this morning, with confidence that you will meet us here. Where there is sadness, bring joy; where there is tiredness, bring refreshment; where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope. Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for us, a home for holy words and songs and prayers as we devote ourselves to you. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

Call to Confession:

Easter is about new life. The Good News that Easter proclaims is that we are raised to new life right now. However, our problem is that, again and again, we slip into our old way of life. We give into temptation, and we struggle with sin, which means we need to confess our sins to God.

Let's pray:

Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Read God's Words of Assurance for us:

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Listen to, or sing:

[When Peace Like a River](#)

Prayer of God's People

Please remember the concerns of our church family and of the world as you enter into a time of prayer.

- The elderly and sick within our congregation, including Sharon VK, Tony VH, Henry H, Dini H, Joanne L, Rev Dick L, Margaret VE, Elly VG, and Catherina VS
- Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and their loved ones
- Those on the frontlines dealing with the pandemic (nurses, doctors, first responders, etc.)
- Government officials (wisdom and grace to guide our country in this time)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: **1 Peter 1:1-9**

Message: **A Living Hope**

Parting Blessing

Listen to, or sing along with:

Living Hope

In Christ Alone

Kid's Corner

Kid's Devo on RNM

Colouring Pages & Activities

Song: Whole Lotta Change

Questions for further reflection...

1. Have you ever had your hopes dashed?
2. What are you tempted to put your hope in (besides Jesus)?
3. Why is the hope that Jesus brings better than any other?
4. Why does this hope matter? How does the hope Jesus give you change your life?

Please Remember:

Please continue to send in your offerings to support the Church and our Outreach Ministries.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13