Prelude Erwin Kitsch

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship: Jon Hunt

"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in My people; no ore shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress"

Isaiah 65: 17-19

Easter Responsive Reading

Pravers of God's People Jon Hunt

"Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him'. "

Acts 10: 34, 35

Song & Hymn: "Agnus Dei" Michael W. Smith

"Jesus Christ is risen today" #243 Book of Praise

"Easter Fantasia" Bell Choir:

led by Susan arr. R.A. Petker Stevenson

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20 Lynda Dick

Musical Offering: "Resurrection Hymn" Stuart Townend

& Keith Getty

Message: Alleluia! Bob Griffin

Hymn: "Hail the Day that sees Christ rise" #265 Book of Praise

Benediction Bob Griffin

Postlude: "Hallelujah" (chorus, "Messiah") Erwin Kitsch

Invitation from the

Come for a hearty breakfast on Satruday, April 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll be learning about the Hope and Healing Organization and their Group Hug program. RSVP Bob Griffin if you plan on joining us!





Reminder:

Sunday, April 24th is the deadline for the May edition of our church family's newsletter. Please send your submissions to

bfbc.news@gmail.com



A Blessed Easter to all of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

As Christians we are so thankful to Jesus for taking all of our sins upon Himself, past, present and future; and taking all these sins to the Cross and dying for us so that we can have a relationship with Him now and forever. Amen! An encouraging Scripture:

"All glory to him who alone is God, who saves us through Jesus Christ our Lord: yes, splendor and majesty, all power and authority are his from the beginning; his they are and his they evermore shall be. And he is able to keep us from slipping and falling away, and to bring us, sinless and perfect, into his glorious presence with mighty shouts of everlasting joy." Jude 1:24,25

We want to continue with our Prayer Drives. We have two scheduled this year Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, October 22. Please plan to join us.

There is a lot of heartache all around us - war, illness, Covid, depression, suicides, etc. Prayer makes a difference in people's lives. It feels so good to pray believing that God will answer our prayers for people we don't even know. As Christians, we are so thankful that God is in control in spite of everything.

Prayers and blessings for you and your families.

George Derksen, Ann Wiens, Ken & Niki Silk, Susan Wolfe of 'Why?' Encounter

PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS

Masks are the prerogative of each individual, and one that is to be respected. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate in whatever way they feel most safe.

RESPONSIVE READING: EASTER SUNDAY

Leader:

All Lenten symbols—the reminders of death and sadness—are absent today. In their place are signs of life and light. The stone has been rolled aside; the tomb is empty. Death is swallowed up in victory! What we intended for evil, God in mercy has redeemed for good.

People:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we thank You for Your mercy! Like the women, we come to the tomb in our darkness. Perplexed and terrified, we fail to remember. Through Your resurrection You re-create us and call us to rejoice forever! In the shadow of Your transformed cross we rejoice in Your mercy.

Leader:

The cross embodies both our sin and our hopelessness without God's grace. But Christ has made the cross an eternal revelation of God's love; a borrowed tomb the symbol of everlasting hope. Being raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death and sin have lost their dominion; the wolf and the lamb lie down together!

People:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we thank You for Your mercy! Like the apostles, there are times when we disregard Good News, we dismiss resurrection power, and do not believe. Through Your resurrection You recreate us and call us to rejoice forever! In the shadow of Your transformed cross we rejoice in Your mercy.

Leader: Let us pray together . . .

All:

Almighty God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, we confess that the cross and its dark symbols come from our hands. We fail to remember, and fail to believe. We look at Jesus, and we look at ourselves, and we confess the great difference. But by the power of His resurrection, You are re-creating us as Your people in His image!

Leader:

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

All:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Glory be to You, O Lord Most High! Amen