

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LANCASTER PA
LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid;
I know that you are looking for Jesus
who was crucified.
He is not here. He has been raised!

Alleluia!

Come, with amazement and great joy.
Come, with wonder and praise.

Let us shout the good news!

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power
To change our lives and make us new,
That we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43
1 Corinthians 15:12-19

REFLECTION IN MUSIC

GOSPEL READING AND HOMILY

John 20:1-18
"With Grateful Hearts and Joyful Spirits"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Preacher: Rev. Kent E. Holmes, Pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes, Executive Presbyter, Donegal Presbytery

Musician: Mr. Derek Martin, Director of Music, Organist

Worship Announcements:

Blessings to you all! Please be in touch with Pastor Kent via phone – 814-952-8711 or email kentholmes829@gmail.com with any concerns, joys or prayer requests

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