

# BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Easter Sunrise Service

April 20, 2025

### We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

Tolling of the Bell and Prelude  
Coming of the Light  
Welcome and Announcements

### Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

\*Call To Worship:

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

No more shall be heard the sound of weeping,  
**nor more the cries of distress.**

The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation!

**Listen to the songs of victory in the tents of the redeemed!**

\*Hymn of Praise.....“He Lives”.....#310

\*Opening Prayer: *(please join in unison)*

**Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among  
us in the shadows of our time.**

As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with  
knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your  
Risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the  
fulness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

Psalter Reading.....“Psalm 143”.....#856 & 857

..***“God is my rock and my salvation, the strength of my life.***

Children's Moments.....“Jesus Loves Me”.....

Easter Pastoral Prayer (concluding w/ The Lord's Prayer)

\*Hymn of Faith.....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”.....#302  
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

### The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Epistle Lesson .....1 Corinthians 15:19-26.....Pg. 166

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson.....John 20:1-18.....Pg. 108

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon.....“The Living Jesus.....Rev. Ben Rogers

\*Hymn of Hope.....“Up from the Grave He Arose”.....#322

### The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles' Creed.....#881

Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology.....#95

\*Offertory Prayer

### Go and Share the Love of God

\*Hymn of Salvation.....“The Old Rugged Cross”.....#504

\*Benediction

May God's abiding love and hope give us new life.

May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled.

And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace.

For Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Amen!

\*Postlude

***\*Please Stand If Able***

***^^ When our worship ends, our service begins! ^^***

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel MCC for the Glory of  
God by Mrs. Annette Bruorton.

### Prayer Thought of the Week

**“So we need to immerse ourselves in Scripture to keep alive the awareness of  
who we are – friends of Christ.”**

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Everyone is invited to stay after the service and enjoy a delicious breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to share this time of food and fellowship with you!
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 23-** Lent Bible Study **(6pm)**
- ❖ Join us as we kick off our new series, "*Giving God the Leftovers*," starting next Sunday and running through May 25. Let's take a hard look at how we prioritize our worship, obedience, and faith—and discover what it means to give God our best, not what's left. Don't miss it!
- ❖ **Thursday, May 1-** Covenant Prayer Group **(10am)**
- ❖ Join us at Fortune Springs Park in Winnsboro on **Thursday, May 1 at 4:30 PM** for the National Day of Prayer service. This year's theme is "*Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled*." Bring a lawn chair and be part of this powerful time of community prayer and worship!
- ❖ **Monday, May 5-** Bethel Christian Women & Fairfield Christian Men **(7pm)**
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 13-** Mature Years **(11am)**

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### **We Are in Prayer For:**

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Billy and Diane Dove,  
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,  
Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter, Frankie Lewis, Amy Hodges,  
Una Bowers, Huley Perry, Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael "Red" Wilson,  
Nancy Dail, Tiffany Kent, Debbie Withers, Ronnie Price, Theron Wilson,  
Jimmy & Pam Faile, Family of Jed Withers, Family of Eddie Robinson  
Family of Alan Withers, The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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