

**Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**April 27, 2025      2nd Sunday of Easter**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \*\***

L: Praise God with clapping hands; praise God with hands comforting a child.

**P: Praise God with silent hearts; praise God with hearts broken by the world.**

L: Praise God with electric guitars; praise God with soft piano chords.

**P: Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop; praise God with rhythms that don't stop.**

L: Praise God with a Hallelujah chorus; praise God with a Gregorian chant.

**P: Praise God with dancing steps; praise God with feet walking for justice**

**HYMN                      "Christ Arose"                      #216**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\***

L: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Please join me as we pray, saying,

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

**God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L:....Friends, Believe the Good News

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

**GLORIA PATRI                      #623**

**CHURCH NEWS**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(Please greet your neighbor by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")*

**REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**#625**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32</b>	<b>p.951</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Revelation 1:4-8</b>	<b>p.1072</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>	<b>p. 94</b>

**Message: Tammy Noss**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed**

**HYMN                      "He Lives"                      #220**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: And let our cry come unto Thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN                      "Crown Him With Many Crowns"                      #234**

**BENEDICTION/SENDING\*\***

L: God sends us forth with songs of joy in our hearts.

**P: We will go to sing of wonder to all who are empty of life even as we gather them close to our hearts.**

L: Jesus calls us to step out of our fears into lives of witness.

**P: We will go to breathe peace into all the broken places around us.**

L: The Spirit teaches us new dance steps of grace.

**P: We will go to take our sisters and brothers by the hand**

**to dance in the streets of the kingdom.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Let There Be Peace"

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**ORGANISTS: Elaine Bilger**

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

*Most of us, in our desire for meaningful faith, seem to be  
saying to God:*

*"Show me, and I'll believe!" This approach never works.*

*God has made it very clear to us,  
in the life and teaching of his Son Jesus, that the process  
must be reversed.*

*He is saying to us: "Believe in me, and I'll show you."  
John Powell, S.J.*

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*The resurrection of Christ is the chief proof of the Christian  
faith.*

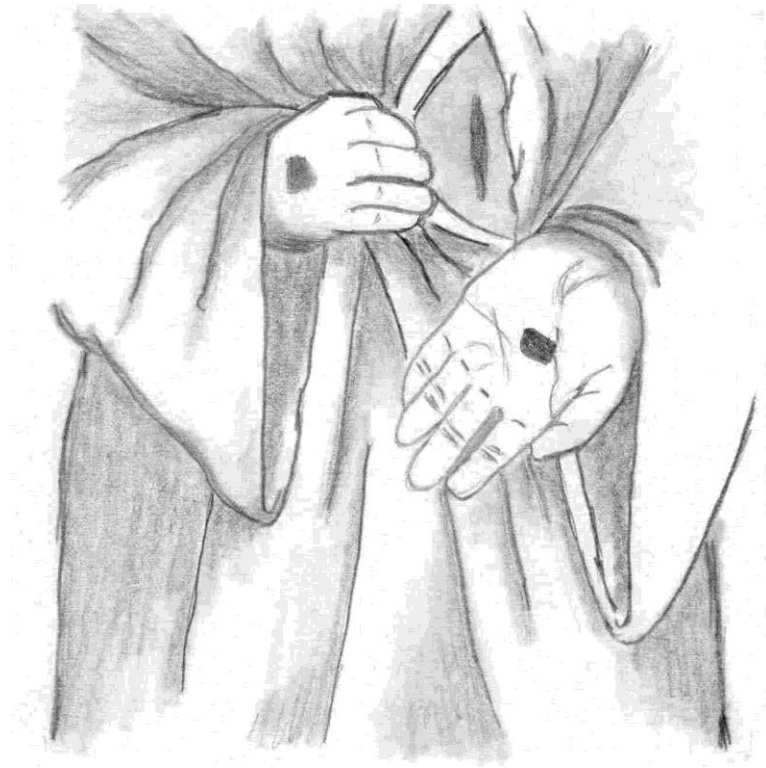
*It is the truth which lies at the very foundation of the Gospel.  
I don't believe there's a facet in ancient history that is so well  
proven as this resurrection.*

*The Bible reveals how the whole early church went up and  
down the country preaching the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*This was what shook the Roman Empire—  
that a man had risen from the dead, that He was alive,  
that death could not hold Him.*

*Billy Graham*

*Peace be with you.*



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