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*Bethany Reformed Church seeks to be a caring and inclusive community
called by Christ to glorify God –
empowered by the Holy Spirit to express God's love,
serve our neighbors and community, and invite others
to follow Christ in a life changing way.*

Bethany Reformed Church

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Order of Worship
April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

*Means rise in body or spirit

Bold print for congregational response.

There are **hearing assistance devices** in a box by the entrance to the Sanctuary for those who need them. Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Offerings may be placed in the basket by the Sanctuary door.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

VOTUM & CALL TO WORSHIP

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day.

Bursting in with new life and new hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN "I Serve a Risen Savior" by A. H. Ackley

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast
The day of His approaching will come at last. (Refrain)

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the face of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way. (Personal prayers continued in silence)...**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we offer this prayer. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**GLORIA PATRI* #579 (Red Hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 3:12-19 (pg. 120)
1 John 3:1-7 (pg. 243)

Liturgist: Diane Avery

CHOIR ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love"

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

SERMON

"See What Love"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Our World Belongs to God - St. 5)

God holds the world with fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news: sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God-the firstfruits of a new creation. We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #306 (Red Hymnal) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY #592 (Red) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (written announcements are at the end of Bulletin)

*HYMN OF PARTING #376 (Red Hymnal) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #539 (Red Hymnal) (Verse 1)

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

**Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Zoom Sing & Pray will meet on Wednesday, April 17 at 5 PM. Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512239240?pwd=ckFCSGJ6TUF1QkMzcG5IcUdrYTJ5QT09#success>

-Please send any May Newsletter articles to the Church Office no later than Thursday, April 26.

-Albany Classis Work Day: Saturday, April 27, 8 AM-5 PM at 3rd Reformed Church Property. The Classis is looking for handy men and women to come get the house at 16 Ten Eyck Avenue in Albany ready for the next phase of ministry. All levels of skill are helpful. Interested? Contact Nancy Landrigan (classisofalbanyrca@yahoo.com) or Dirk Gieser (dirk@encounterERC.com).

-We are looking for volunteers to help during Bethany RC's Plant and Flower Sale on May 10 and 11--many hands make light work! Signup sheets are located on the Narthex bulletin board. More information about this sale is at the end of the Bulletin.

Internet Offerings:

- 10 AM Sunday Worship
- 5 PM Wednesday Internet Sing & Pray

Donations to the General Fund as of March 31, 2024: \$3,190.

Donations to the Fellowship Hall renovation as of March 31, 2024:
\$18,333.21. Thank you so much!

The New Baltimore Reformed Church Presents: The Hilltown Ramblers

When: Saturday, April 20, 7 PM

Where: 52 Church Street, New Baltimore, NY 12202

Light refreshments will be provided.

Donations will be accepted at the door.

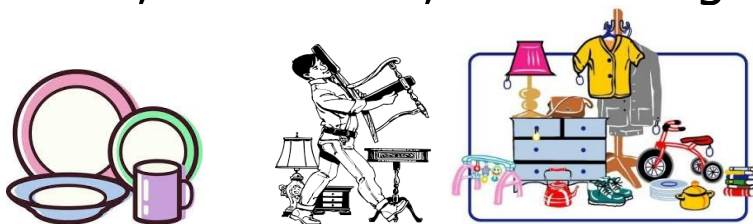
Proceeds will go to the Church Steeple Repair Fund.



Join us for a fun evening of "Bluegrass and Beyond" with the Hilltown Ramblers, featuring New Baltimore's own Jim Selkirk!

WANTED!

Your treasures, once loved, but no longer needed.



We welcome any good, clean, usable items you would like to donate for our Attic Treasures Sale.

We are not accepting any large items/furniture.

Folks will be available to accept items at the Education Wing door on:

Sunday, 4/14: 11 AM-1 PM

Monday, 4/15 – Saturday, 4/20: 10 AM-1 PM

Sunday, 4/21: 11 AM-1 PM

Monday, 4/22: 2-4 PM

Tuesday, 4/23: 10 AM-1 PM

Questions? Please see Jessica Fuglein (Deacon), or call the Church Office: (518) 482-7998.



Attic Treasures Sale & Bake Sale

Friday, April 26: 10 AM-3 PM
Saturday, April 27: 9 AM-3 PM

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Once loved, but no longer needed:



...and more!

Indoor "yard sale."
Come and find your treasure!

Plant & Flower Sale

Rain or Shine!

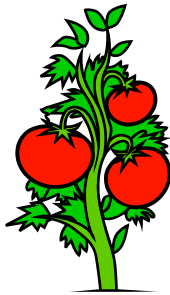
Friday May 10th
8 AM to 6 PM



Saturday May 11th
8 AM to 3 PM

ANNUALS

Perennials



Patio Pots

Hanging Baskets

Geraniums

Vegetables

Herbs

Patio Garden Raffle

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Thursday, June 6th at 7p.m.



BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

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**A concert of Spirituals,
Folk Hymns & Gospels**

**Admission is free, donations accepted to benefit
Family Promise of the Capital Region**