

# BETHEL NOTES

## Sunday, April 17

### Easter Sunday

*"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### Readings

#### First Readings

Acts 10:34-43

#### Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:9-26

#### Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

*No adult education following worship today.*

**Join us Sundays**  
**9:30 AM in-person or online at [bethelmt.org](http://bethelmt.org).**

### SERVING THIS SERVICE

**Accompanist** 9:00 am Mary Seim, piano; Steve Nelson, guitar  
 11:00 am Connie Titcomb

**Lay Assistant** 9:00 am Sue Hesse  
 11:00 am Tamy Scholten

**Usher** 9:00 am Walt Nuessle and Earl Terwilliger  
 11:00 am Chad and Carrie Ann Elkin

**Tech both services** Adam Elkin

**Counters** Pam Dougherty and Greg Grosenick

**Children's Church** Isabelle Grosenick and Abbie Virts

He is not here,  
 but has risen  
LUKE 24:5



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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM CLOSED FRIDAY

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- ✝ Prayers of thanksgiving for stabilization of **Tony Marcson's** health, *brother-in-law of Jessica Crist*.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Donna Fugle**, *Joni Collins' mother*, as she recovers in the hospital after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Arlene Sexe** as she is in the regains strength in in-patient rehab.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and speedy response for **Sue Hesse** as she works with medical professionals to resolve heart issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Christie Dennehy**, *sister of Rev. Steve Nelson*, as she recovers from surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of support and healing for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they work through some medical issues with Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **Rick Robitaille**, *brother of Tom Robitaille*, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Heath Poser**, *nephew of Connie Titcomb*, who has begun treatment for brain tumors and will have surgery once the treatments are concluded.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Mim Mikulecky** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Karla Wagner**, *Dena Wagner-Fossen's mother*, as she manages health issues.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, as she begins treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Rev. Inge Williams**, *friend of Pastor Jessie*, as she has surgery preceding cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Eric Peterson** as he ends treatment for cancer and begins immunotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of strength and healing for **Lisa Leland**, *niece of Sandy Bechard*, as she completed treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of continued healing for **Shirley Cayko**.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and strength for **John Korpela** as he continues chemotherapy treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sharon Bossie** as she manages a heath issue.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cody Buus**, *Cindy Considine's nephew*, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of strength & leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America
- ✝ Prayers of thanks and continued healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Bob Walker**, *brother of Colleen Walker-Nelson*, who is managing kidney disease.



Greetings Bethel,

This week we journey with Christ to the Cross, and marvel at his great resurrection after the tomb. It feels like we have been journeying for quite some time to get to this week. We journeyed through COVID, continue to journey through the War in Ukraine, and so much more. As I pondered the other day how this all connected to the walk of Christ, and how we might live in the midst of suffering as Christ's people, I found a writing by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, who writes devotions and poems that pop up from time to time in my devotional practice. He writes:

*"Jesus wasn't starting a new religion, or even criticizing an old one. He was teaching a spiritual practice: the practice of radical kindness and trust in God. That's all. That's it. That's Jesus' teaching and ministry in a nutshell. Sounds nice and benign, huh?—But if you practice radical kindness to everybody, including the poor, sick, outcast, foreigners, incarcerated, sinners, enemies, EVERYBODY—well, it will overturn all of society. So, yeah. Religious and political authorities had reason to get rid of him. Holy Week reminds us: love is powerful, and love is revolutionary, and people with worldly power will resist it. But love will win. Love will win."*

In the midst of a world full of suffering and brokenness, Jesus' practice of spirituality was to love, to be radically kind, and to trust completely in God. Throughout this Holy Week journey I invite you to search for those three things in the Scripture that we read, the journey that Jesus walks, and the journey that you walk during this time as well. I pray that we might continue to be transformed by Jesus' continued love, kindness, and trust in the Creator, and that we might develop those spiritual practices in ourselves and our communities as well.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Maundy Thursday**, April 14th 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, this will be a communion service with special presentation by the Confirmation Class and music by the Jubilate Choir.
- ♦ **Good Friday**, April 15th 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, non-communion service led by the Jubilate Choir.
- ♦ **Easter Vigil**, April 16th 7:00 pm, a communion and candlelight service followed by the feast of milk and honey after worship as we enjoy an Ice Cream Social.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday**, April 17th will offer two services 9:00 am and 11:00 am, both in the Sanctuary. Children's Church available during 11:00 am service.

We will be live streaming all worship services for Holy Week.

# Logos End Of Year Party!

April 20th

5:30 to 7:30 PM

**Grades Pre-K through 12, families and Bethel Congregation!**

We will be meeting in the sanctuary at 5:30 for Opening Worship and assignment of parts for the last Family Worship of this Logos year held April 24th at 9:30 am—Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Sunday! After worship *that Sunday* we will be making May Day Baskets to deliver to our neighbors so plan on staying and helping!

We will have a BBQ with hamburgers and all the fixin's starting at 6:00 pm. Games and dessert to follow at 6:30 pm. We will be outside, weather permitting.

Please RSVP to Tami at [bethelmc.church@gmail.com](mailto:bethelmc.church@gmail.com) or text 406-788-9587.

See you there!



\*There will also be a registration table set up in Belt Park at 9:00 AM during the egg hunt.  
Registration Fee: **\$25 Pre-registration** (postmarked by April 11th); **\$30 same day registration**

\*Shirts, sunglasses, and color packet to all pre-paid registrants; on site registrants as supplies last

Mail Registration Forms and Payment to:

Belt Close Up 2023

% Andrea Visocan

PO Box 197

Belt, MT 59412

Make Checks Payable to: **Belt Close Up 2023**

\*For more information, contact Andrea Visocan [avisocan@beltschool.net](mailto:avisocan@beltschool.net) or Katie Hoffmann [khoffmann@beltschool.net](mailto:khoffmann@beltschool.net) at Belt School (406) 227-3351

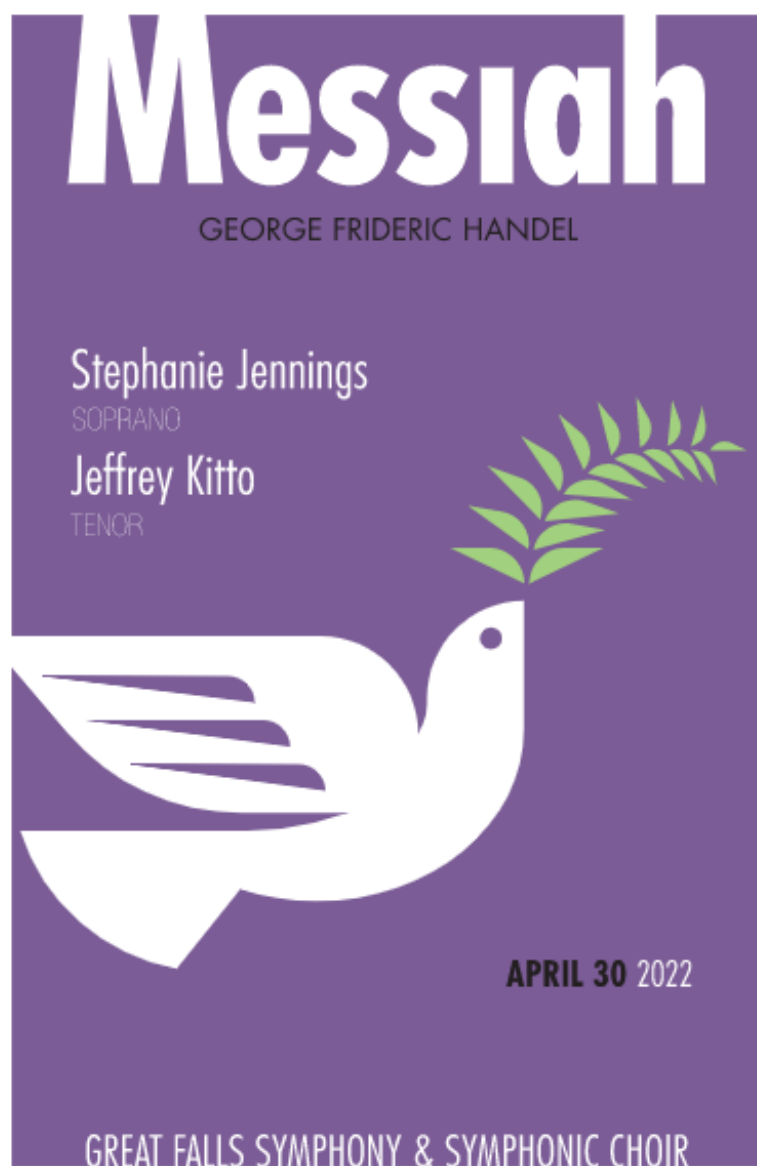
# Great Falls Symphony and Symphonic Choir

presents George Frideric Handel's **Messiah**

Featuring Stephanie Jennings Soprano and Jeffrey Kitto Tenor.

Click the link for ticket information.

<https://www.gfsymphony.org/messiah>



## Easter Sunrise Service

April 17th, 2022 - at the lake,  
6AM at FLBC

## Adult Education/ Spirituality Retreat with Dr. Andrew Root

May 1-3, 2022 \$225/person

Monday only: \$175

Join us for this special retreat with the professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary. Expect insightful sessions such as "Living after a pandemic...why are we exhausted?" and time for fun and relaxation at camp, too - quiet time, reading time, worship, hikes, pottery, and great food. This retreat is for all adults. Pastors, LPA's, Lay people, youth workers.

## Memorial Day Work Retreat

May 27-30, 2022 FREE

(registration required!)

Enjoy all of the fun activities camp has to offer, and help FLBC prepare for summer camp with some work projects!



# May Day May Day May Day Baskets!

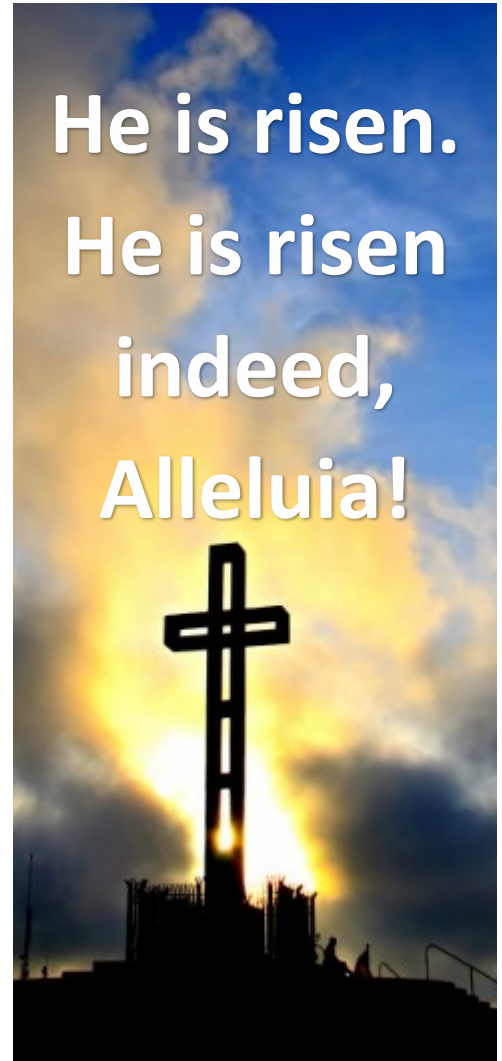
**We will be assembling May Day Baskets for our neighbors! Join us Sunday, April 24th after worship, bring your ideas and creativity and help assemble**



*May Day*

**some May Day Baskets that we will be delivering to houses in our neighborhood on Sunday, May 1st!  
All Are Welcome!**

**He is risen.  
He is risen  
indeed,  
Alleluia!**



## UPDATED Covid Guidelines for Worship

- Masks are welcome, but not required.
- Our chairs will resume full rows, please continue to physical distance to your comfort level.
- Coffee Hour will resume April 24th.

*If you have a fever or are feeling unwell, please take care of yourself and join us online for worship.*

# Just for YOUTH

## hear & celebrate

### Jesus Christ is risen!

John 20:1-18

Early in the morning, Mary Magdalene came to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the big stone was rolled away from the door. Jesus' body was gone!

Mary cried as she looked in the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white. They said to her, "Why are you weeping?"

Mary said, "Jesus is gone." Then Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said,

"Mary!" When

Mary heard her

name, she recognized

Jesus. Jesus told Mary the good news—he had risen from the dead!

Mary ran to the disciples. She said,

"I have seen the Lord!"

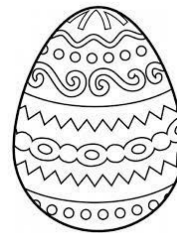


### Easter eggs

Our celebration of Easter is filled with eggs. Jelly beans look like tiny, colorful eggs. We eat chocolate eggs and chew bubblegum eggs. We turn ordinary eggs into beautiful pieces of art. Eggs are a powerful symbol of Easter. The eggshell is like Jesus' tomb. It carries new life inside of it. When the chick hatches out of the egg, it reminds us of Jesus' new life at Easter.



Can you help these children find 10 eggs?



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Monday 4/18**

- Easter Monday, Bethel Office closed

### **Tuesday 4/19**

- Pastor Jessie out this week at Pastor's Retreat
- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 4/20**

- Logos Year End Party 5:30 grades Pre-K through 12

### **Friday 4/22**

- Bethel office is closed.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 4/24**

- FLBC Sunday and Family Worship led by Pastor Jessie, Logos Youth Ministry and FLBC Rep, in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- May Day basket crafting hour after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- Worship and Planning Committee meets after worship in the sanctuary.

### **Tuesday 4/26**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 4/27**

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

### **Friday 4/29**

- Bethel office is closed.

## **Online Ministries**

### **Electric City Bible Study**

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at [lolli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:lolli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet both in person and via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at [dscholten@dlsconsulting.net](mailto:dscholten@dlsconsulting.net) for a link to join the meeting or for more information.

### **Hope Circle**

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Laurie Turner at [lolli51gus@icloud.com](mailto:lolli51gus@icloud.com) for a link to join the meeting and Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests [terry.korpela@gmail.com](mailto:terry.korpela@gmail.com).

### **Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie**

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this meeting, email [bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.

### **Pastor Jessie Obrecht**

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