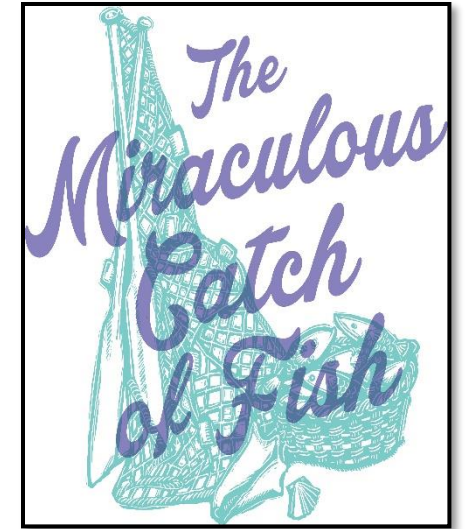


**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

*“A family of faith in Jesus
Christ, yesterday, today,
and tomorrow.”*

**April 14, 2024
10:00 AM**



To Our Visitors

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. There are activity sheets and children’s Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our new nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC #2037 “I Sing Praises to Your Name”
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is a new day!

We come with the past behind us, and the future open. We come to celebrate the life Christ brings. We come to worship the risen one.

Christ is with us!

He is with us indeed!

HYMN #2236

“Gather Us In”
(verses 1, 2, & 4, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, be our God. Forgive us when we have turned away from what is right and good. Have mercy on us when we disregard your demands for discipleship. We have celebrated Easter and then gone on with our lives as if it wasn't real. We set our minds on things of the earth rather than on your will. Help us not to continue our destructive ways. Turn us around, Lord. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people. Gracious God, have mercy on us and hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #2200 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"Cornerstone"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 100:1-5 (Pew Bible, p. 552)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 28:10 (Pew Bible, p. 34)

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21:1-13 (The Message)

SERMON *"Afterwards"* Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory *"There's Something Different"*

Doxology (*sung*)

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #306 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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