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**BETHANY UNITED CHURCH  
OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR  
CONFERENCE**

**WORSHIP LED BY: SENIOR CHOIR**

**Organist for Today:** Leslie Forward

**Organist/Choir Director:** Leslie Forward - **Supply**

**Organists:** Sharon Dean, Ruth Davidge, Louise Drover

**Caretaker:** Wayne Parsons **Secretary:** Lisa Butt

**Clergy:** Rev. Harry J. Whitehorne

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**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 11:00am - Easter Sunday**

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**GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Theme:** Hallelujah! Christ is risen. After his entry into Jerusalem, his weak of teaching, sharing the bread and the wine, his death and his resurrection, we can proclaim that Christ is Risen!

**Introit:** Majesty - Senior Choir

**Call to Worship:**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

L: The Lord is Risen.

**P: He is risen indeed.**

L: The right hand of God has triumphed!

**P: The right hand of God is exalted!**

L: We thank you, God, that you have answered us and become our salvation.

**P: The stone the builders rejected has turned out to be the most important of all.**

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH**

**OPENING PRAYER: (Unison) - Florence Swain (VU 174)**

**God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been opened wide. With the dawn has come a new creation. Let our celebration today empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release your power; through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** Lord of the Dance VU # 352

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** John 20:1-18 - Peggy Brown

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN:** (during offering) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU #179

**Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

**“God of resurrection and new life. For now some still choose the way that is past, but we pray now as you accept these offerings we bring, that we may see the seeds burst forth and bear fruits of the Spirit, that we all may become one in Christ. These things we pray on this most glorious of days. Amen.”**

**“The Week”  
(Easter Cantata - 2010)**

**Narrator: Gladys Tucker**

**Easter Song** (Anne Herring) - Choir

**The King Cometh Unto Thee** (Herman von Berge / Randolph Johnston) - Choir

**Hymn: An Upper Room....VU #130** - Congregation & Choir

**That's Where Jesus Died** (Frank Cross / R.J. Hughes) - Choir

**Come to the Tomb** (Stephen Andrews / Lani Smith) - Choir

**Lift High the Cross** ( George W. Kitchin / Michael R. Newbolet / arr. by Paul J. Christiansen) - Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today VU #155

**Commissioning & Benediction:**

**We thank you for the beauty of this day, for the glorious message that all nature proclaims: the Easter lilies with their waxen throats eloquently singing the good news; the birds, so early this morning, impatient to begin their song; every flowering tree, shrub, and flaming bush, a living proclamation from you. From this moment, O living Christ, we ask you to go with us wherever we go; be our Companion in all that we do. And for this greatest of all gifts, we too go to proclaim that you are risen and life has triumphed over death.**

Choral Amen



We welcome everyone to our Worship this morning, with a special welcome to all visitors.

**REMINDERS**

**Holidays** - Rev. Harry Whitehorne will be on holidays from April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 19<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency please contact church office 596-6754.

**Bible Study: next meeting will be April 20 (Tuesday) @ 10:30am.**

**Christian Development Committee Meeting** on April 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) @ 7pm!

**Congregational Meeting - April 18<sup>th</sup> following the 11am Church Service.**

**REMINDER TO SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No Sunday School on April 4<sup>th</sup> or April 11<sup>th</sup> , Re-open on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>!!!

**FAMILY MOVIE DAY!!!!** Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm, Carbonear Cinema, Movie will be announced at a latter date, cost is \$5.00 per person (pay at cinema) includes movie, drink & popcorn. Everyone Welcome!!!!!!!

**This Week @ Bethany**

**Monday: 6:30pm- Songbirds**

**Wednesday: 6:30pm- Men's Fellowship Meeting  
7pm- Youth Group**

**Friday: 7pm - Explorers**

**Next Sunday: 11am: Worship - Karen**

