

ORDER OF SERVICE
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
6:30 A.M.

The Prelude
* Call to Worship Deacon Mary Cosby

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures
forever."
Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might;
He has become my salvation.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer
The Gloria Patri
*** Worshippers May Enter ***
* Congregational Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
#121
*** Worshippers May Enter ***
Words of Welcome Brother Alvin Ricardo Little
* The Offertory Prayer
* Prayer of Consecration and a Musical Selection
* The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
* Prayer of Dedication and the Doxology
The Altar Call
Musical Selection Mass Choir

Scripture ~ Matthew 28:1-10 ~ Rev. Jones
Sermon "Things Look Better in the Dark" Rev. Jones
* Invitation to Discipleship
* Benediction

* CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

ORDER OF SERVICE
10:00 A.M.

The Prelude
* Call to Worship Deacon Richard W. Roper
Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures
forever."
Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might;
He has become my salvation.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer
The Gloria Patri
*** Worshippers May Enter ***
* Congregational Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
#121
*** Worshippers May Enter ***
Ministry of the Dance
Musical Selection Mass Choir
Words of Welcome Brother Jahi Dwyer
Dramatization of the Meaning of Easter
* The Offertory Prayer
* Prayer of Consecration and a Musical Selection
* The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
* Prayer of Dedication and the Doxology
The Altar Call
Musical Selection Mass Choir
Scripture ~ Luke 19:33-38 ~ Rev. Jones
Sermon "Free at Last!" Rev.
Jones
* Invitation to Discipleship
* Benediction

* CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

BETHANY NEWS

THE ORIGIN OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH-WEEK 8 – "A true and worthy ideal frees and uplifts a people; a false ideal imprisons and lowers." ~ **W.E.B. DuBois**.

THANK YOU – **Rev. Jones, Minister Renee Johnson, Deacons**, the Bethany family and friends. We will never forget the love, care and concern expressed through your prayers, calls, cards, and gifts. Your love will never be forgotten. May God forever Bless and keep you. **Deacon Alice Johnson** and Family.

CONGRATULATIONS – Congratulations to **Sister Mackenzie Upshaw**, the daughter of **Deacon Vera Upshaw** and **Minister Ross Upshaw**, who, during last week's awards ceremony, received the most awards (4), one of which is the highest and most prestigious award given by the University of New Haven to a graduating student. **Mackenzie** is thankful for the prayers and support of her Bethany family throughout her college experience.

BBC CLOTHES CLOSET – **MEN'S CLOTHING DESPERATELY NEEDED!** Shirts, sweaters, jackets, jeans, slacks, shoes, etc. Thank you.

ALTAR COLOR – The color on the altar is White, which symbolizes purity, holiness and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high holy days and festival days of the church year, especially the season of Easter.

AIDS/HEALTH MINISTRY – April is Stress Awareness Month. Stress can make athletes excel and executives meet strict deadlines. However, unresolved stress can negatively impact your health. Poor health, finance and emotional concerns may rule your every thought. Find ways to relax and unwind. Deep breathing, going for a walk, prayer or meditation can change your mindset instantly. When professional help is needed, seek it without hesitation. Your piece of mind is key to your well-being. ~ **Michelle Falls Sykes, M.D.**

SAVE THE DATE – All women of Bethany Baptist Church and their guests are encouraged to reserve the weekend of September 22nd – 24th, 2017 to join the Deacons and attend the Women's Retreat. Our theme is: **Guided by the Spirit – Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** Spaces go fast, so don't delay! Payments can be made after each service. Should you have any questions, please contact **Deacon Debra De Ramus**, deramusdebra@verizon.net, **Deacon Romy Walker**, kimadanfx@msn.com, **Deacon Brenda Brown**, bebrown@ureach.com or the Church Office at 973-623-8161.

DEACONS' CORNER

PRAYER SERVICE – Please join us for Prayer Service, which is being led by **Deacon Edward Cosby** on Thursday, April 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Bible Study follows immediately thereafter, led by **Rev. Jones**.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS TO BETHANY – Please be aware that two convenient methods of donating to the church electronically are available to members and guests. For automatic debits, please ask any Trustee for an ACH Authorization Agreement, by which you can specify the account, amount, frequency and designation of your donations to the church. Please remember to include your full name on your envelope, especially if you are including cash, so that the Trustees can accurately apply your contribution. If you do not remember your envelope number, you may check with the Church Clerk or refer to your contribution statement. Also, online donations can be made at any time via PayPal on Bethany's website.

DONATE TO THE CHURCH VIA PAYPAL ON BETHANY'S WEBSITE – Donations are now available via PayPal on the front page of www.Bethany-newark.org. You may donate any amount, and select "Add special instructions to the seller" on the PayPal checkout page to give instructions on how you want your gift to help. Please see the Trustees if more information is needed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Today

Early Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt – 12:00 p.m.

4/17

Black College Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Joint Board – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

4/18

NA Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
The Process – 7:00 p.m.

4/19

Line Dancing – 6:00 p.m.
Lecture Committee – 7:00 p.m.

4/21

Book Club – 5:30 p.m.
Missionary Prayer Breakfast Committee – 6:00 p.m.

4/22

CWA- Girls Rites of Passage – 10:30 a.m.

4/23

Flower Club's Annual Day

If you need to meet for any reason, please fill out

a Room Request Form and submit it to the church office.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one Body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of differences of opinion in the Church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to educate our children in matters of faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward humanity, to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and to stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and, with tender sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Should we remove from this place, we shall unite as soon as possible with another church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

Adopted, April 27, 2011

PLEASE RESPECT THIS TIME OF QUIETNESS

The Worship Committee has asked our musicians to provide soft music prior to each service so that we might quieten our spirits from the noise of our daily living with the anticipation of being in the presence of our Lord.

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