

United Church of Bernardston  
Worship Service  
April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter



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**Opening Music - Chimes**      *Thine Be the Glory; O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      Liz Dawson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Lighting of Candles**      *Holy, Holy, Holy* – Franz Schubert, arr. Benton Price      Liz Dawson

**Call to Worship**

L: God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear us when we call.

**P: God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**

L: Beloved, we are God's children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

**P: We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.**

L: Our faith strengthens us for each day's living. God empowers our ministries of caring.

**P: We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.**

**Hymn**      *#308 - Thine Be the Glory*

**Unison Prayer**

**God of amazing surprises, whose proclamation of peace through the risen Christ startles us yet washes over us with refreshing joy, we are eager to see Jesus and to trust that the purity of life we know through him is worth emulating. Put us in touch with truth that cleanses and makes whole so we can relate to others in ways that reconcile and redeem. Amen.**

**Message for All Ages**      Steve Damon

**Special Music**      *This is My Father's World* – arr. Hopson      UCB Choir

**Offertory Music**      UCB Choir

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**      *#95 - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**Scripture Lesson**      *Luke 24: 36-42*      Jason Burbank

**Sermon**      Kurt Pearson

**Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**      Kurt Pearson

**Musical Prayer Response: # 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs 3)**

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for hearts to care, In the Spirit's lively scheming, there is always room to spare.

**Closing Hymn**      *#2108 - O How He Loves You and Me*

**Benediction**

L: Put your trust in God as you face another week. God affirms you and claims your faithfulness.

**P: We will open our eyes to the goodness of God. We seek to follow faithfully where Christ leads.**

L: Turn away from vain words and seeking after lies. Seek the purity of life we find in Christ Jesus.

**P: We pray for honest insight as we seek truth. O that we might see the good in ourselves!**

L: We have been touched by mystery and wonder. Let us live as God's beloved children.

**P: What we will become has not yet been revealed. We are confident in God's will for us.**

**All: Amen.**

**Benediction Response**

*Shalom to You*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friend.

In all your living and through your loving. Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude**

*Fantasia (G 60)* – G.F. Handel

Liz Dawson

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**Words of Hymns**

**Thine Be the Glory**

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. [Refrain]

**O How He Loves You and Me**

O how he loves you and me!  
O how he loves you and me!  
He gave his life--what more could he give?  
O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me:  
O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go;  
his love for sinners to show.  
What he did there brought hope from despair:  
O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me;  
O how he loves you and me!