

## **BERN REFORMED UCC - "APRIL 14, 2024"**



**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored in recognition of the Birthdays of Nancy Fisher and Sheryl Snyder.

**THE SINGLE ALTAR FLOWER** is in recognition of Doug Wentzel's' 82nd birthday this Tuesday.

**PRELUDE: "Whatsoever Things Are Lovely"**     -*Simone* "

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **VIDEO**

#### **Acts 3:12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

By faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "Now, friends, **I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.** In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. **Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 4**

LEADER: Answer me when I call. Be gracious to me. Hear my prayer.

**PEOPLE: I will put my trust in the LORD.**

LEADER: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

**PEOPLE: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

#### ***YOUTH NOW RECESS TO FELLOWSHIP HALL***

#### **HYMN #176 "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"**

**1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

**EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

While they were talking about **this**, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**SERMON: "If I Were an Israelite?"**

## **SHARED PRAYER MINISTRY**

**PRAYER:** Risen Savior we confess that though we trust and believe you are always with us; sometimes we live as if you are not among us now. We do not see you amongst the rumble and ruins of war. We do not see you in those who are in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter. We sometimes fail to recognize you reflected in those who are most in need! Help us to seek restoration and forgiveness where we have failed, so that we may live in Your "KIN-DOM" on earth as it is in heaven.

## **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**New Century Hymn #7 "ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL"**

**1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice. Delight in God whose praise you tell.**

**Whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**2 Know that there is one God indeed; who fashions us without our aid. Who claims us, gives us all we need; whose tender care will never fade.**

**3 Enter the sacred gates with praise; with joy approach the temple walls. Extol and bless our God always; as people whom the Spirit calls.**

**4 Proclaim again that God is good; whose mercy is forever sure. Whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

## **COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Song of Joy"**

*-Hughes*

**Attendance last week 55**