

## Hope in Resurrection

We are aware of the persecution of our sisters and brothers in Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), and their great faithfulness in the midst of suffering. We know of Haitian Brethren who live in the Dominican Republic, and the racism they face daily. Life for fledgling Brethren groups in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo is not easy, either.

What do you hope for today? Our own prosperity and well-being can make this a difficult question. When life is so good, how often do we consider life after death? If our primary understanding of life in Christ is overcoming the obstacles and annoyances we face on earth, how much hope are we placing in eternity?

The sufferings of our global Brethren family might give us renewed perspective on this. When we suffer and death is on our doorstep, the promise of being made alive in Christ takes on new significance. And then that age-old affirmation of faith—the Lord is risen indeed!—is truly music to our ears.

### Call to Worship

One: The Lord is risen.

All: *The Lord is risen indeed!*

One: Let us worship with the communion of saints, made alive in Christ.

All: *We rejoice in what God has done, and what God is yet to do.*

One: The Lord is risen.

All: *The Lord is risen indeed!*

### Hymn

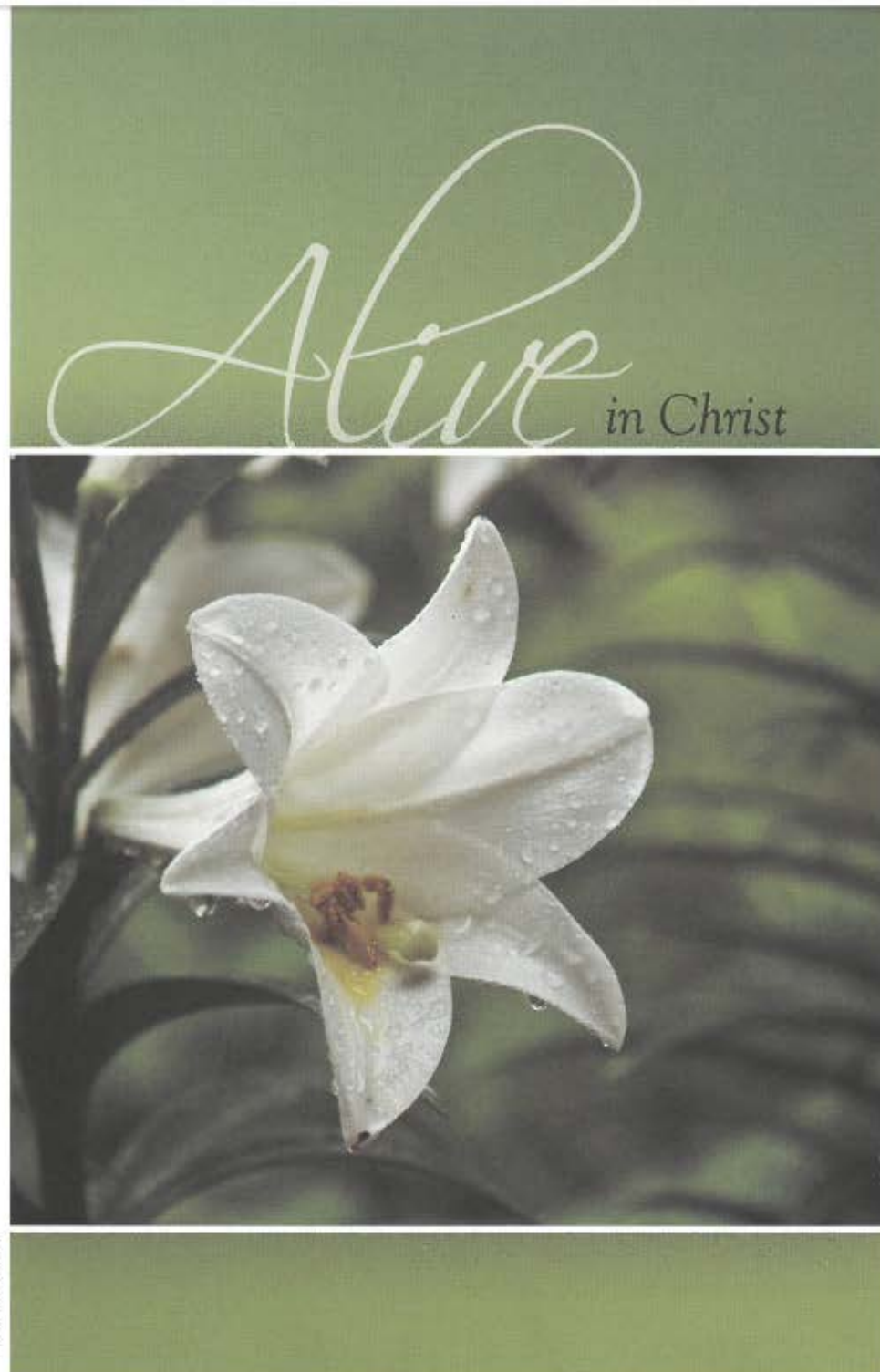
#### They crucified my Savior

No. 266, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

—Tim Harvey, pastor  
Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Text for today:** "For since death came through a human being, the resurrection . . . has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made *alive in Christ!*" (1 Cor. 15:21-22, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12.

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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship March 27, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Christ rose from the bands of death *J. S. Bach*  
Toccatina (Symphonie # 5) *Charles M. Widor*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Back of Bulletin

**CHORAL INTROIT** Festival Introit for Easter Day *John Barr*

**CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER** Jeff Carr  
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

## PROCLAIMING

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Jeff Carr  
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

**\*HYMN # 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 *NRSV*

**HAND BELL ANTHEM** Easter Bells *Michael Ryan*

## OFFERING

### Invitation

### Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Caprice on "This Joyful Eastertide" *John Barr*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24:1-12 *NRSV*

**\*HYMN # 282** *Proclaim the tidings near and far* SING GLORY, HALLELUJAH

**SERMON** "Idle Amazement" Jeff Carr

## RESPONDING

**CHORAL ANTHEM** In Thee is Gladness *arr. Alisa Bair*  
Andrea Nolley, *flute*  
Handbell Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Jeff Carr and Chris Zepp  
*concluding with The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")*

**\*HYMN # 280** *Christ the Lord is risen today* EASTER HYMN

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* *G. F. Handel*

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Voluntary *Jeremiah Clarke*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed tomorrow, Monday, March 28, for Easter holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

**PASTORS JEFF AND CHRIS** will be out of the office for the majority of this week. Please be in touch with Pastor Jeff at home or via his voicemail in the office if you have pastoral needs.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

March 27-April 2, 2016 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.  
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

<b>Today</b>	9 a.m.	Congregational Breakfast	Social Hall
<b>Mon.</b>		Church Offices Closed – Easter Holiday	
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Fri.</b>	6:30	Brethren Student Movement	S. Hall / Youth Room

### NEXT SUNDAY– April 3, 2016 – *Second Sunday of Easter*

**Worship:** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

**Puppets Rehearsal** – 9 a.m. – Agape Room

**Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

**Youth Fundraiser Lunch** – Noon – Social Hall

### ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 3/20/16

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 18    11:00 – 293    Sunday School: 159**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$6,062.50
Loose Offering	198.00
One Great Hour	810.00
Spring Potted Flowers	198.00
Wednesday Night Meals	139.00
Youth Programs	290.00
Jubilee Circle	49.10
Altruistic Sunday School Class	137.00
Bill Johnson Memorial Fund	50.00
Carl Lineweaver Memorial Fund	75.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

## BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus  
and live the love of God.*

### ***Our Mission...***

*As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.*

### ***Our Values...***

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.  
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.  
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.  
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

### PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

**Jeff Carr** – Senior Pastor

**Chris Zepp** – Associate Pastor

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

**Fortunato Correa** – Custodian

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

**Glenna Wampler** – Business Manager

### PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

**John Barr** – Organist

**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Jeanie Eye** – Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

**Marianne Houff** – Children's Choir Director

**Ellsworth Neff** – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

**Curtis Nolley** – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

**Clarke & Hope Staton** – Youth Ministry Coordinators

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

## **SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS**

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.**

*All Are Welcome* brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

**PARKING ASSISTANCE:** 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

**Greeters** –Debbie & Jason Eye

**Head Usher** – John Hipps

**Sound/Light** – Ellsworth Neff & David Lineweaver

**Decorators** – Heather Barkey, Alice Lee Hopkins, Dwynn Stovall

**Deacon Caregiver** – Jan Flora

**Van Driver** – Jim Beckman

### **AUTHORITY ON POLITICAL VIOLENCE AT BC THIS WEEK**

Dr. Erica Chenoweth, an internationally recognized authority on political violence and its alternatives, will speak on "Is Nonviolent Resistance Still Effective?" at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, March 30, in Cole Hall at Bridgewater College. Chenoweth is a professor and associate dean for research at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies. She is also an associate senior researcher at the Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO). Chenoweth is co-author with Maria J. Stephan of *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*. The book earned them the 2013 Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order and the 2012 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award. She is co-chair of the Academic Advisory Board at the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, a Fellow at the One Earth Future Foundation and a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations. This endowed lecture, sponsored by the Kline-Bowman Institute for Creative Peacebuilding, is free and open to the public.

### **TODAY'S CHORAL INTROIT TEXT: Anonymous**

Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won.  
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!  
The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!  
The three sad days have quickly sped.  
He rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!  
Lord, by thy stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee: Alleluia!

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858**

In thee is gladness, amid all the sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest, our bonds thou breakest;  
who trusts thee surely hath built securely, he stands forever: Hallelujah!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining;  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Hallelujah!  
In thee is gladness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
In thee is gladness, thou the true Redeemer.  
If he is ours, we fear no powers, nor of death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses, he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices all heaven rejoices in him forever!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love thee and praise thee and still shall raise thee glad hymns forever: Hallelujah!  
He stand forever, naught can us sever; glad hymns forever: Hallelujah!

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### **TODAY'S CHORAL RESPONSE TEXT: G. F. Handel**

Hallelujah...for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth...  
Hallelujah...The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever,  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords (Hallelujah)...and He shall reign forever and ever...Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...