

The Lord Lives

Easter Antiphon (taken from Psalm 118)

Leader: Let us affirm our faith in the Risen Lord through scripture and song.

Women: *The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has become my salvation.*

HYMN "Ask ye what great thing I know," verse 1
No. 337, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

Men: *The Lord's right hand is lifted high.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things.*

HYMN "Blessed Savior, we adore thee," verse 1
No. 107, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

Women: *He will not die but live.
Let us proclaim what the Lord has done.*

HYMN "I will sing of my Redeemer," verse 1
No. 344, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

Men: *The stone the builders rejected has become the
capstone. The Lord has done this, and it is
marvelous in our eyes.*

HYMN "My hope is built on nothing less," verse 1
No. 343, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

All: *This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord is King"
No. 288, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

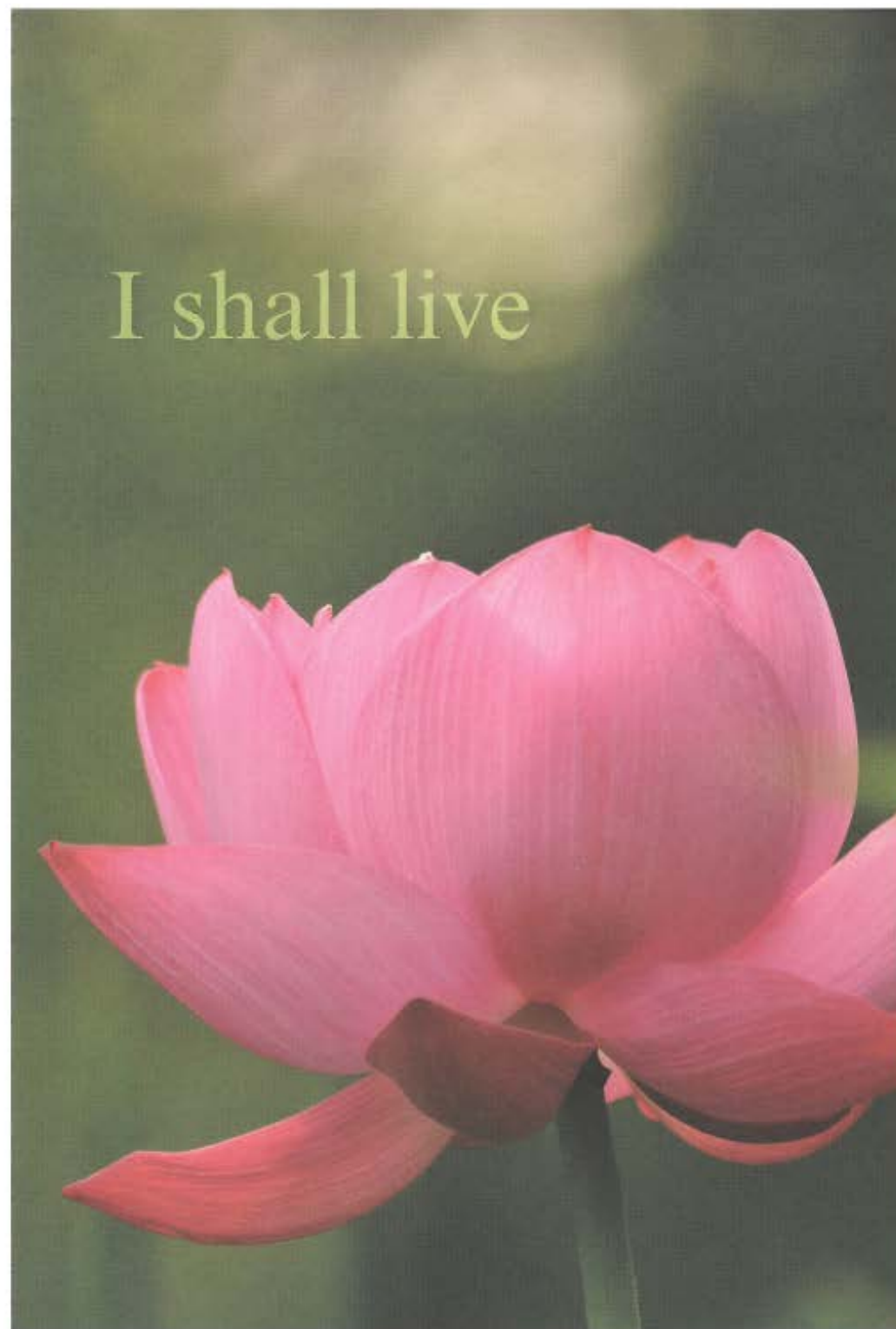
—Paul Roth
Rockingham, Virginia

Text for today: "I shall not die, but *I shall live*, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death" (Psalm 118:17-18, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (17); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8.

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BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship April 1, 2018 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Toccata (Symphonie # 5) *Charles M. Widor*

CALL TO WORSHIP Mark 16:2-6

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.

INVOCATION PRAYER *adapted from* Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

CHORAL INTROIT Festival Introit for Easter Day *John Barr*

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME Janean Fawley

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

CHILD & FAMILY DEDICATION Lincoln Reed Michael & Family

*Unison Congregational Response

As an inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus and live the love of God, we make this pledge to you all: to support you in times of ease and difficulty, joy and sorrow, growth and frustration; to embrace each of you as beloved members of our family of faith; and to be faithful witnesses for Christ in upholding and supporting your family and your children as we grow together in God's love.

***HYMN # 420** *Heart with loving heart united* O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18 *NRSV*

SERMON "A Fool's Paradox" Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

ANTHEM Christus Paradox arr. *Alfred V. Fedak*

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Sanctus (Holy Art Thou) *Charles Gounod*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN # 119B *Praise God from Whom* OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AFFIRMATION

Hallelujah! No. 44 Chorus from *Messiah* *G. F. Handel*

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary *Jeremiah Clarke*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

April 1-7, 2018 (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.

Mon.		Church Offices Closed – Easter Holiday	
Tues.	7:00	Executive Committee	Lounge
	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	11-1	Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Lunch	Social Hall
	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Catering provided by Nikki (May) Watson</i>	
		<i>Menu: Chicken Provencal, Parmesan Potatoes,</i>	
		<i>Glazed Baby Carrots, Sunshine Salad, Banana Pudding</i>	
		<i>Vegetarian: Couscous Provencal Kids: Chicken Tenders</i>	
		<i>Suggested Donation: \$10 Adults / \$5 Kids</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room
Thurs.	Noon	Interfaith Association	EMU
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.-Sun.		Roundtable at Bridgewater College	

NEXT SUNDAY– April 8, 2018 – Second Sunday in Easter

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

Preaching: Pastor Chris Zepp

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

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

DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE!

2017 Pictorial Directories and 2018 Organizational and Congregation Contacts Directories are now available. Pick yours up at the table in the Greeting Hall or contact the church office to obtain your copies.

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

Karissa Hunt – Interim Financial Secretary

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

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Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

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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.

Head Usher – John Hipps

Decorators – Heather Barkey, Lori Lineweaver,
Dwynn & Tony Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Lori Lineweaver

Van Driver – John Flora

Worship Leader – Bill Faw

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 3/25/18

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 19 11:00 – 258 Sunday School: 133

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$9,169.00
Loose Offering	1,151.00
Food Pantry	25.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	29.50
Spring Potted Flowers for Easter	375.00
Women's Fellowship	250.00
Youth Programs – 5K	234.00
Scouts Play It Forward	350.00
Bob McFadden Memorial Fund	100.00
Wayne Judd Memorial Fund	150.00
Jesse Robertson Memorial Fund	285.00
Valley Keplinger Memorial Fund	150.00

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!

ANTHEM TEXT: Sylvia Dunstan

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.
Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You the everlasting instant; You who are both gift and cost.
You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia! You, who are our death and our life.

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CHORAL AFFIRMATION 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...

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its spring concert on Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert will present works by the classical giant Franz Josef Haydn. Tickets are available at the door, from Choral Society members, Red Front Supermarket, Bridgewater Foods, at singshenandoah.org, and at the door. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.