

**THE BELLMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU**

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**CHANGING LIVES FOR CHRIST, WORSHIPING JESUS AS HE IS,
AND WELCOMING ALL WITH LOVE, HOPE AND FAITHFULNESS**

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Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:50 Praise to God

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Michael Bennett

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE (9:50)

“Oceans” & “Shout to the Lord”

Hillsong Worship

*CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Pastor: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**People: He leads us beside still waters; He restores our soul. Even though we walk
through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,
Our cup overflows with God’s goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the
house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

*OPENING HYMN #354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Glory to God Hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liz Hayes

Leader: The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship.

Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Savior God, You guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to Your
fold, but we make others feel as if they don’t belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion
and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help
us be faithful as Your flock. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liz Hayes

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path
of new beginnings.

People: We are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace.

Leader: In Jesus Christ,

People: we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORY TO THE TRIUNE GOD

(sung to the tune #581 Hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

A TALK WITH THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Ralph Wright

"Doubting Thomas, or is it doubting Jane or John or Jose or Ruth?"

(children leave for their Sunday school classes)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liz Hayes

Leader: God our helper, guide us into and through Your Word, that we might be shaped
by Your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in Your world.
Amen.

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

Psalm 23:1-6

Liz Hayes

Holy Bible pg. 501

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

I John 3:16-24

Liz Hayes

Holy Bible pg. 240

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

Holy Bible pg. 103

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Despair and Fear - A Growing Concern

The Rev. Ralph Wright

RESPOND TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing
the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving
sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and
sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the
world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and
evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*PLEASE use the microphone so that you are heard on the live-stream
or hand information up to the lectern. PLEASE fill out green / yellow cards found in pews*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

People: Our Father... Amen.

CALL TO DEDICATION

Pastor: Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

*OFFERTORY #418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Glory to God Hymnal

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore; Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor: God, You meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN	#838	“Standing on the Promises”	GTG Hymnal
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*CHARGE / BENEDICTION

Pastor: We are an Easter people! Christ is risen! Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection and follow him as our Good Shepherd. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

*POSTLUDE “I Will Trust in the Lord “