

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter; University Sunday

April 23, 2023



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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Fantasiestücke, Op. 73: I & II

Robert Schumann

Madaline Marland, clarinet; Jonathan Schakel, piano

Welcome

Moment for Mission: Kindness Cafe

Nancy Paulson

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆ Call to Worship

When Mary ran from the empty tomb to share the good news,

it was Easter day.

When Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus and was set free,

it was Easter day.

When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and breaking bread with strangers,

it was Easter day.

When the hungry are fed at the same table as the rich,

it is Easter day.

When weapons are beaten to plowshares and peace is lived among us,

it is Easter day.

May this be an Easter day.

We worship a risen Christ! Alleluia!

◆ Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

Call to Confession

When we say, "we don't sin," we deny how we are. But when we say, "there's no way out," we deny who God is. Trusting that God's grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, the world is full of corruption. Power disguises itself as truth. Convenience masquerades as goodness. Selfishness imitates love. We confess that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. Forgive us. Save us from these deceptions and set us free to follow you, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 576

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free.

Alleluia! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 232

**Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!**

God's Word to Us

Sung Prayer for Illumination

*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

NT p. 111

David Martin

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

NT p. 84

Homily and Reflection

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Madaline Marland

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news which we received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
that he was buried and was raised on the third day;
and that he appeared to the women, then to Peter, and to the disciples,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.**

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on 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.**

Offertory

On the Journey to Emmaus

arr. Marty Haugen

Quartet: Annie Zhao, Ashton Nicewonger, Max Cook, Jack Weisgerber

On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone—
The One who would save us had left us alone.
Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise,
He opens our stories and he opens our eyes.

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way,
How all that was promised was ours on that day.
So we begged him, "Stay with us and grant us your word."
We welcomed the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.

And that evening at table as he blessed and broke bread,
We knew it was Jesus arisen from the dead;
Though he vanished before us we knew he was near—
The life in our dying and the hope in our fear.

On the journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
With Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:
And his words burn within us—let none be ignored—
Who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

GTG 607

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication
Gracious God, bless our offerings and our lives. Transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the discouraged, courage for the fearful, justice for the oppressed, community for the lonely, and faith for the seeking. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 543 **God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me** GREEN TYLER
- ◆ Benediction
 - The stone has been rolled away!*
 - We will go to share this good news!**
 - Jesus walks with us on our journey.*
 - We will go with him wherever the road takes us.**
 - Jesus has opened our eyes.*
 - We will go to serve everyone we see.**
- Postlude *Fantasiestücke, Op. 73: III* Robert Schumann
- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, April 23
University Sunday; Food Drive Collection in Memory of Barbara Deaver begins
 9:30 a.m. Mission Study Team Presentation to the Congregation in the Fellowship Hall
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Monday, April 24
 1 p.m. The Courage to Grieve Series in Room 208
 6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

Wednesday, April 26
 7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wind-Down Wednesday (off-site)

Thursday, April 27
 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, April 30
Food Drive Collection in Memory of Barbara Deaver concludes
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

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233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

252 Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
 Fsus F C F



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
 Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
 C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Based on Luke 24:13-35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.