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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | April 26th, 2019 – 10:30am Springfield Presbyterian Church Order of Worship Third Sunday of Easter       Announcements   Lighting the Christ Candle Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim: **People: Christ is the Light of the world and center of our lives.**   Gathering of the People Leader: The Lord be with you! **People: And also with you!** [Greetings and Announcements]   Call to Worship  [Selections from Psalm 116] Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. **People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I love.** Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. **People: Then I called on the name of the Lord: O lord, I pray, save my life!** Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? **People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.** Leader: Oh Lord, I am your servant, you have loosed my bonds. **People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.** Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **People: In the courts of the house of the Lord, we proclaim: Praise the Lord!**   \* Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation – GtG#394   Prayer of Confession (Unison)  **Generous God,** **In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbour set neighbour against neighbour and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**   Silent Prayers of Confession   Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. **People: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**     The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)     The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination  God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.   Scripture Lesson Luke 24:13-35 The Walk to Emmaus **13**Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[[a](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=d156faa302&e=ea8fc2a60a)] from Jerusalem, **14**and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15**While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, **16**but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17**And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. **18**Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” **19**He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,[[c](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=fc612e9b4e&e=ea8fc2a60a) who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20**and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. **21**But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.[[d](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=9e3eea9a3f&e=ea8fc2a60a)] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. **22**Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, **23**and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. **24**Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” **25**Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! **26**Was it not necessary that the Messiah[[e](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=ad4cf2c8f5&e=ea8fc2a60a)] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” **27**Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. **28**As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. **29**But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. **30**When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31**Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. **32**They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us[[f](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=105fb0e11e&e=ea8fc2a60a)] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” **33**That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. **34**They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” **35**Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.   Time with Young People    Sermon **The Road to Emmaus**     The Response to the Word     \* Hymn The Risen Christ – GtG#257   Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**   Generous God, ...   And now we, trusting in your grace and mercy, lift our joys and concerns up before You and this congregation.   And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, taught us to pray... ...   **Our Father,** **Who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name** **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.** **On Earth as it is in Heaven** **And 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**   Offertory Prayer We bring our gifts to you in response to good news. Christ is risen indeed and abides in us still. May all that we do be in response to new life. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform all of our being to confirm with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others may hear of the salvation you bring. Amen.   Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns – GtG#268   Charge and Benediction Leader: As a people saddened, confused, heartbroken **People: We find ourselves on the road to Emmaus** Leader: A first, we do not see our Savior journeying with us, **People: Until we find ourselves at the table.** Leader: And then with joy, our eyes are opened, **People: We proclaim – our Savior is indeed alive!** | | |