



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



April 18, 2021

ORDER of WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship

L: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

P: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: Beloved, we are God's children.

P: **Let us worship the living, loving God.**

* Opening Hymn *Lead Me, Guide Me*

REFRAIN:

Lead me, guide me, along the way,

for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

VERSE:

I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

REFRAIN:

Lead me, guide me, along the way,

for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Prayer of Confession

God of all good, you have filled our hearts with the
promises of Easter. You have blessed us with a rich



inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. Forgive us, O God, and call us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and sisters in Christ.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

* Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
Allelulia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Allelulia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Luke 24: 13-35


¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles 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, 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. 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 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 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.

Second Scripture Reading Luke 24: 36-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled



fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon “Holy Heartburn”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** Selected verses of Scripture
(Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have 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; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that 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.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

* **Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**



Prayers of the People

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* (v1.2)

VERSE 1:

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

REFRAIN:

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

VERSE 2:

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.

REFRAIN:

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

* Benediction

Postlude

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As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

We are the church whether we are gathered or scattered.

*We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*



PRAYER LIST

The family and friends of long-time member, Carol Head, who died Tuesday, April 13th. Carol and her late husband, former Madison mayor Glenn Head, raised their family in this church.

The Hargrave family on the unexpected death of their son, Charlie, after struggling with the disease of addiction.

Beth Henriques and her family on the recent death of her 90-year-old mother, Maida.

First responders, doctors, nurses, EMT workers, health care workers, police, fire department, ambulance squads as they continue to care for all who are ill.

A neighbor seriously ill.

Arlene, dear friend of Louise Kacerek, who is living with leukemia.

Johnny, a 12 year-old boy on Brody Fleming's football team, receiving chemotherapy and continuing recovery at home for a rare form of cancer in his leg.

Bill and Jeri-Ann, parents of Sara Burnet, as they continue recovery at home and prepare for a move from Maryland to NJ; for Sara as she continues to care for her parents.

The families of crime victims, as they deal with court procedures made more difficult by the pandemic.

All those dealing with the ongoing and ever increasing hatred, prejudice and racism in this country and around the world.

Mary Lou and Gordon, parents of Amanda Keller, as they get ready to move at the beginning of next week to a new retirement/nursing care facility in VA near Amanda's brother; and for Amanda as she continues to help in their care and packing.

Ajay Sah, missing Drew University student and his family and friends.

Carol, and her family, cousin of Kathleen Underwood, as she continues treatment for stage 4 brain cancer.

Rev. Ed Halldorson and his family as he continues chemotherapy.

*Stand in body or spirit.

Bold - Everything is said in unison.

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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10:15AM Sunday Service

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