



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 30, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”
Dutch Melody VRUECHTEN

Alice Jordan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

MOMENT FOR CPC

Centennial Happenings

Kathy Lewin

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Parker

Leader: We have been walking, Lord,

People: on roads of uncertainty and fear, on roads of exhaustion and doubt, on winding roads that have led us here.

Leader: Join us on our journey, Lord.

People: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction!

* OPENING SONG

"Today Is the Day"

Lincoln Brewster & Paul Baloche

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Anne Parker

Leader: When we say, "we don't sin," we deny who 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.

All: Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige, and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new road from here on.

Silence

Leader: God is with us. God does not abandon us. Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace.

People: Alleluia. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Gloria Patri"

Traditional

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I See You God"

Mark Burrows

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, Director; Kathy Phillips, Accompanist

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Following the Time for Young People, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 206)

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Shepherd of the Flock”

Milburn Price & Russell Floyd

Sanctuary Choir

Laura Leek, solo soprano; Susan Herman, flute

Jesus, shepherd of the flock, keep us safe in Your care
Guard us in our daily lives from temptation, trial, or snare
Should we wander from your fold, bring us safely home again.
With repentance for our sin, in Your will, Lord, may we remain
As forgiven sinners all, we will act upon Your word --
Seeking others who are lost, that they, too, may be restored

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, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?’ ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.’ ²⁵Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ ²⁷Then 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. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?’ ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

Emmaus Road Encounters

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

No. 667
Glory to God

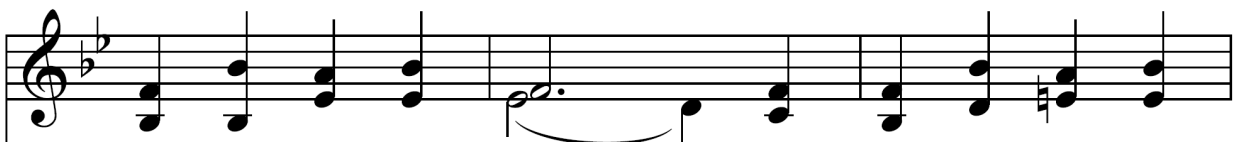

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1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!



OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Brother James’ Air

Alice Jordan
J. L. Macbeth Bain

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, we pray in ever-widening circles, extending the love we feel for those closest to us out into our communities, our nation and our whole world.

Through our prayers, stretch us to make a place in our hearts for those we do not know but who are known by you.

We pray for those we know: best friends, families, neighbors, coworkers – all whose joys and troubles affect us daily.

We pray for those we see but do not know: those who cross our paths on the road or the grocery store or the restaurant, those who are our neighbors but whose inner lives remain a mystery to us. We ask that your spirit dwell in our community, turning strangers into neighbors, giving people purpose and compassion. Help us to see past polite fictions to those who are hungry, scared or lonely, and in seeing them, love them.

We pray for those we see only in the media, siblings around the world whose stories get sold to us as the news of the day. Help us to see humanity behind the pixels and soundbites. We pray especially for those caught in cycles of violence and war, oppression and economic scarcity, persecution because of their religion, ethnicity or gender — all those who do not know what it is to be valued and cherished. Help us to feel the ties that bind all your children together to love as radically as you do.

We pray for those we do not see, the millions whose stories go untold, whose lives feel so far removed from our own. We pray for your people in every place and ask that you keep reminding us that no one is beyond your reach. Keep us ever hungry to know your people, not as curiosities but as siblings in Christ.

Expand our hearts, God, until we can hold your people inside them — all your people, all over the world, following the example of our Lord Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying,

All: 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.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

* CLOSING SONG

“Let the Praises Ring”

Lincoln Brewster

O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust
O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope
O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust
O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope

In You, in You I find my peace
In You, in You I find my strength
In You I live and move and breathe
Let everything I say and do be founded by my faith in You
I lift up holy hands and sing, “Let the praises ring!”

O Lord, my God, to You I give my hands
O Lord, my God, to You I give my feet
O Lord, my God, to You I give my everything
O Lord, my God, to You I give my life

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Matthew Major

Vocals: Tara Calderon and Laura Leek

