

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

Theme: Unraveling Easter: The Meaning of the Bodily Resurrection



“When Jesus began giving them the bread, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but then he disappeared from their sight.” Luke 24:30

GATHERING

*Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “My Lord What a Morning” Robert Lau

*Call to Worship

Leader: Disheartened disciples of long ago felt abandoned and alone.

People: Yet, Jesus came up and appeared among them.

Leader: We, too, sometimes experience the same. As we walk this road of faith, we seek the reassurance of Christ’s presence.

People: When the disciples discovered that it was Jesus among them, they could hardly believe their eyes.

Leader: As we seek to make sense of things, help us, God, to perceive and understand your reassuring presence.

People: Help us always to live transformed by the presence of Christ alive and raised up.

*Hymn: #664 – “Morning Has Broken” (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

O God, you bring the dawn of each new day. Especially we thank you for all days in which we experience resurrection’s power. We praise you for sending Christ and for the promise he brings of new life. Scatter, we pray, the clouds of darkness and open tombs of doubt and despair, frustration and fear. When you walk beside us, help us to feel your presence and to know we are not alone. Free us to live so that we are no longer captive to the ways of death. Cleanse us of wrongdoing and sin that we may be whole once again. Touch us with healing that our short-sightedness may yield to the perfect vision of all you have in store for us, for this church, and for this world. In Christ, with Christ, and through Christ, our eternal home, we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Now the Green Blade Rises” Crum/Johnson
Chancel Choir

Children’s Message: “What Will We Become?” 1 John 3:1-2

First Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

*Hymn: #252 “Day of Arising” (see download)

Second Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

Sermon: “Seeing With Our Mind”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we thank you for being generous to us, for showing us what life is and how to love. Enter not only our doors, but our hearts anew, removing fear, that we will dedicate all that we are and all that we have to your service, through Christ who goes before us. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

*Hymn: “Because He Lives” (see insert and download)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Unlock the doors of fear and doubt. Let your faith spill into the streets! In restaurant and store! In classroom and hall! In office and home! In factory on farm! Along highways and byways!

People: Jesus is risen! Death has no more claims on our lives. In life, in death, Christ is our life. Christ is alive! May peace be with us all! AMEN

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" David Paxton

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Jim Hess and Pat Ide
Given by Geri and Family**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Eric, Paula & Chad Hughes**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOIN IN the Fellowship Time following worship. Today's Gospel reading has Jesus asking the disciples, "Do you have anything here to eat?" (Lk 24:41) and today we do! Our Church and Community Life Committee is at work!

The Worship Committee will be meeting tomorrow, Monday at 7 p.m.

There will be no Bell Choir or Chancel Choir practice this week.

The Mission Committee meets this Thursday, May 5 at 7p.m.

We are privileged to have the **Pequea Valley High School Chamber Singers**, under the direction of Nathan Bankert, coming to present a concert at **Old Leacock May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** This talented group will lead us in singing an opening and closing hymn and then sing their beautiful and inspiring music. Come and be blessed.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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