

Welcome to Church of Christ
April 27, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Easter
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Prelude *Like the First Bird* - arr. A. V. Fedak

Call to Worship

~Jake Green

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

People: **Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;

People: **You hid your face;
I was dismayed.**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

People: **You have turned my mourning into dancing
and clothed me with joy.**

All: **May my soul praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Hymn 24 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain, mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain. We, created in your image, would a true reflection be of your justice, grace, and mercy, and the truth that makes us free.

Vs 2 You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry. We respond in grateful worship, joined in one community. When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole, healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

Vs 3 God, your will is still creating, calling us to life made new, now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all distortion, fashion us with loving care, thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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.

Solo *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - arr. D. Blair

~Noah Sinclair, trumpet

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

~Jake Green

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

"Christ on the Way"

Hymn 515 *Hymn of Promise*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Vs 2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Vs 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity; in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Light of Service *Norfolk Land Trust*

~Shelley Harms

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory *Adagio* - G. P. Telemann

~Noah Sinclair, trumpet

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 287 *Lift High the Cross*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Vs 2 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Vs 3 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Vs 4 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping

the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude *Festival Processional* - arr. R. Wetzler
Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

~Noah Sinclair, trumpet

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti

Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse

Peter Coffeen

Linda Creedon

Bonnie Greenwood

Holly Kelsey

Will Kelsey

Arlene Patten

Dan Patten

Cindy Sinclair

John Thew

**Ongoing concerns for our
relatives and friends:**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kelly

Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte)

Jay Atkinson

Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend)

Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father)

Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend)

John Funchion

Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen)

Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son)

Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin)

Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother)

Bethany Lee

Lynne Martin (Ruth Adotte)

Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte)

Jackie Nocotera

Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family

Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott

Constance Rotondo

Ryan Sterba

Rob Thew

Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister)

Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock)

Judi Welch

Gretchen Wierdsma

**Those who are grieving
the families of:**

Donna Aakjar

Robert Battis

Bonnie Ferrell

Stephen Getz

George Green

Judy Green

Jackie Hamad

John Marinelli

Don Martin

Will Martin

Will Minton

Avery Nelson

Mary Sager

In the wider community:

Jamie (nurse volunteering in Myanmar)

Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey)

Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela)

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence

The people of Syria, particularly the Christian community.