

Welcome to Church of Christ - April 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter

We are honored to worship God with you today!

Personal Prayer of Preparation *(for personal use in the pew before worship)*

Gracious God, you are Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of all things; and yet you walk beside us, opening your heart to us. In humility we thank you. In awe we open our hearts to your presence. In willingness we open our spirits to what you are saying to us. Speak to us, that we may know your presence, receive your grace, and live according to your will. Amen.

Welcome

Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus - arr. J. Behnke*

Call to Worship

~Bill Eckert

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed.

Leader: Christ, you have walked with us in our joy and in our sorrow
though we have not recognized your presence.

All: We give thanks, and worship in awe and wonder, in gratitude and joy.

Leader: Living Christ, give us eyes to see you.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Hymn 312 *Christ is Alive!* *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Vs 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Vs 3 In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Vs 4 Women and me, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Vs 5 Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age; till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Moment of 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.

Anthem *A Call to Silence* - C. Courtney

Scripture Luke: 24:13-35 NRSVUE ~Bill Eckert

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.

Click [here](#) for more resources for the third Sunday of Easter from Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

Sermon "Walk to Emmaus" ~Rev. Pamela Rose Vollinger

Light of Service *Aton Forest* ~Billy Gridley

Benediction

Postlude *This Joyful Eastertide* - arr. J. Behnke

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

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, Hope Childs, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim, Susannah, Katie B., Chris, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Deryl, D'Ari, Amaya, Linden Godshall (Liz Allyn), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Matthew and Allan Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family, Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Barbara Storrs (Debbie Storrs), Wendy DeRoode (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Chris Williams (friend of Bethany Lee), Keegan Zygmont

Those who are grieving, the families of:

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, Jimmy Dietlin, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, Aton Forest