

Worship – Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

First Presbyterian Church, McAllen



Caravaggio
Supper At Emmaus

Opening Sentences

- Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 116

Please rise in body or in spirit.

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things
God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows in the presence of all God's people.

Let us worship together.

What shall I render to the Lord;
what shall my offering be,
for all the gracious benefits
God hath bestowed on me?

Salvation's cup my soul shall take
while to the Lord I pray,
and with God's people I will meet,
my thankful vows to pay.

Within God's house, the house of prayer,
my soul shall bless the Lord,
and praises to God's holy name
let all the saints accord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
Jesus, our risen Lord,
was made known to the disciples
in the breaking of the bread.
Open the eyes of our hearts
that we may recognize his presence,
and with his disciples cry:
"The Lord has risen indeed!"
Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



He Qi
Supper At Emmaus

Call to Confession

God is our rock and our fortress,
who protects us from danger
and saves us from death.

With faith in God's mercy,
let us confess the brokenness of our lives
that we may receive grace.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
you give us new life, but we choose the ways of death.
You breathe peace upon us, yet we pursue conflict.
You seek us out when we are afraid, yet we cling to our fears.**

**Forgive us for turning away from you.
Shine your light upon us
and banish all shadows,
that we may live faithfully and joyfully for you.**

Assurance of Pardon

In the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
God has given us a new birth into a living hope.
Rejoice in the good news:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Act of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, v. 4

GG #240

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

Passing the Peace

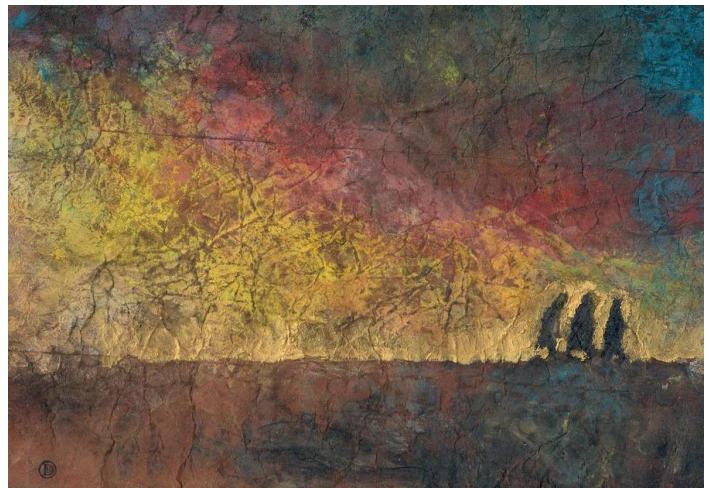
The peace of Christ be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Life of the Church

Time with the Younger Church

Prayer for Illumination

Risen Lord,
speak to us this day,
that our hearts
may burn within us.
Reveal anew
the mystery and the power
of your glorious resurrection. Amen.



Daniel Bonnell
The Road to Emmaus #1

Anthem

¹³ That very day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, which lay about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were discussing with each other all the various things that had taken place. ¹⁵ As they were discussing, and arguing with each other, Jesus himself approached and walked with them. ¹⁶ Their eyes, though, were prevented from recognizing him.

¹⁷ “You’re obviously having a very important discussion on your walk,” he said; “what’s it all about?”

They stood still, a picture of gloom. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas by name, answered him.

“You must be the only person around Jerusalem,” he said, “who doesn’t know what’s been going on there these last few days.”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“To do with Jesus of Nazareth,” they said to him. “He was a prophet. He acted with power and he spoke with power, before God and all the people. ²⁰ Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel!

“And now, what with all this, it’s the third day since it happened. ²² But some women from our group have astonished us. They went to his tomb very early this morning, ²³ and didn’t find his body. They came back saying they’d seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Some of the folk with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn’t see *him*.”

²⁵ “You are so senseless!” he said to them. “So slow in your hearts to believe all the things the prophets said to you! Don’t you see? ²⁶ This is what *had* to happen: the Messiah had to suffer and then come into his glory!”

²⁷ So he began with Moses, and with all the prophets, and explained to them the things about himself throughout the whole Bible.

²⁸ They drew near to the village where they were heading. Jesus gave the impression he was going further, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly not to.

“Stay with us,” they said. “It’s nearly evening; the day is almost gone.” And he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ As he was sitting at table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³² Then they said to each other, “Don’t you remember how our hearts were burning inside us, as he talked to us on the road, as he opened up the Bible for us?”

³³ And they got up then and there and went back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven gathered together, and the people with them.

³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He’s appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life and in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

(Source: *A New Creed*; United Church of Canada)



Lelio Orsi
Walk to Emmaus

Hymn Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers GG #231

Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We offer our prayers through Christ,
who lives and reigns forever,
and prays for us in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . .

Teach us again how to love one another.

Let us be born anew this day
through your living and enduring Word.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the earth . . .

Bring about your new creation—
eternal and imperishable—
destined from the foundations of the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . .

Save us from our own corruption;
speak your life-giving promise
to all your children, near and far.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for this community . . .
Be present with us, in word and in action,
as we seek to follow Christ's way,
sharing the amazing joy of resurrection.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . .
Hear the voices of those who cry
for salvation, life, healing, and peace.

Particular prayers of the day ...

Surround your children here and everywhere
with your goodness and grace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



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Christ on the Road to Emmaus

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

We lift these prayers to you, O God, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and we say together the prayer he has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Invitation to the Offering

God's gifts to us are bountiful beyond expectation or description.
In gratitude, let us offer our hearts
and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

Offertory

Act of Dedication Holy, Holy, Holy / *Santo, Santo Santo* GG #595

Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo.
Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón re sabe decir:
Santo eres, Señor!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God,
by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor
and the offering of our lives.
Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving
in union with our risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection, v. 1-2

GG #233

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Charge and Benediction

You are witnesses to the resurrection;
you are messengers of the gospel.
Go forth to tell the good news,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ –
who is Lord of all.

And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
abide with you this day and always. Amen.

Congregational Response

The Day of Resurrection, v. 3

GG 233

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

Postlude

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