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## *April 26, 2020 ~ Easter 3*

*This is the Third Sunday of Easter. May the joy live on, just as Jesus does!  
We welcome you in the name of the Risen Christ.*

### *The Gathering*

Prelude

*Chris Lehne, Organist*

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

*Hymn № 392*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Hear the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

### Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

## Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

### *“In the Garden”*

*Hailey Mork*

*I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.*

*Refrain: And He walks with me, And He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. (Refrain)*

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

**C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## *The Word*

### Psalm

*Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. <sup>2</sup>Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. <sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the Lord: “Lord, save me!” What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. <sup>16</sup>Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did;

you have freed me from my chains. <sup>17</sup>I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord—in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Lesson

*1 Peter 1:17-23*

Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>23</sup>For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup>As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup>but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup>but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup>In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup>but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” <sup>25</sup>He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup>and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup>Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

\*Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Recognizing Jesus”

*Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” Luke 24:18*

\*The Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Prayers of Intercession

*Providence Valley Worship Committee*

*After each petition, please respond with "Hear our prayer"*

## **Thanksgiving**

\*Offertory Hymn

### **"Open Our Eyes, Lord"**

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. (repeat)*

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: 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, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Sending**

\*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

\*Sending Song

### **"Reckless Love"**

*Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me; You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me; You have been so, so kind to me  
(Chorus)*

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah*

*When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me; You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me; You have been so, so kind to me (Chorus)  
There's no shadow You won't light up; Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down; Like You won't tear down Coming after me (Repeat 3 times)  
(Chorus)*

\*Dismissal

P: Stay at home. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## **Food Shelf**

The Dawson Area Food Shelf will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 1-4:00pm. Please call the church office before arriving. The food shelf volunteers will bag your groceries and bring to the west education wing door.

The Food donation box located behind First Presbyterian Church is available 24/7. Please give when you can and take whenever you need!

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