



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



The Real Road to Emmaus

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Zoom Worship 10 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Althea Wright *"I Believe in Miracles"* by John W. Peterson arr. by Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all feels lost
and the place of resurrection hope.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour. Let us worship God!**

*HYMN #724 (vs. 1,2, & 4) *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

*O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.*

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Eddie Seamans

Risen One, like those disciples on the road to Emmaus,
we struggle to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives.
We seek your wisdom in the midst of the questions we have
about the circumstances we find ourselves in—
circumstances sometimes beyond our control, but often of our own making.

**Open our eyes, Light of the World,
to your work of transformation in and around us.
As we walk with you day by day,
may your new life be made manifest in what we say to others.
Help us to understand the power of our words to hurt or to heal;
give us the graciousness to make all our conversations holy.
Just as we desire that our speaking be holy,
may our seeing be holy as well.**

So often we forget, Holy One,
that you invite us to abide with you;
to have our lives hidden in you.
We thank you that you travel with us always. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

We trust Christ's peace, a peace given freely, despite our doubts and fears.
We know the Holy Spirit is among us, blowing with a hopeful wind of change.
We feel the presence of Christ, the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.
We submit to God's leading in this time of transformation. Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERTORY: Althea Wright *"Prayer from Finlandia"* by Jean Sibelius

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-14 Scott Swehla
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: Myles Ellis *"This the Day the Lord Has Made"* by Michael Joncas

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35 Joy and Lindsay Olsen
This is the Word of the Lord!
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom!

SERMON **"The Never Ending Road to God"** Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

HYMN #775 *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"* African-American Spiritual

*I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Gather prayer requests.... Let us pray:

You come to us, O Lord, Our God,

In unexpected places,

In a crowded room,

In a journey on a dusty road,

In conversation,

In the stillness.

You come in the midst of our doubt, our fear, our sorrow

You come in the power of the resurrection

No pain and suffering is unknown to you.

You bring us peace

And we pray for the places where there is no peace

Countries torn by war

Refugees seeking homes

Hospitals overcrowded

Prisoners facing torture

You bring peace

Peace to the tensions and conflicts within us

To the regrets, the failures,

The broken relationships

The lost friendships

You bring peace

For you are a friend to us
When we are alone
When we are lonely
Unseen you are there

You bring us peace, and we pray
that we too may become peacemakers
as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray saying: *(The Lord's Prayer)*

**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 debts,
as we forgive 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.**

HYMN #683

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Jan Struther

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

*BENEDICTION

Go now as those who have met with Christ in the morning of this day.

Go now as those whose hearts have burned within them, as the Scriptures were explained.

Go now as those who have been touched by resurrection.

And may the blessing of God be upon you, body, mind and spirit, as you go....

POSTLUDE: Althea Wright

"Prelude & Fugue XVI"

by J.S. Bach

Pastor: *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*

Liturgists: *Eddie Seamans, Scott Swehla, Joy and Lindsay Olsen*

Music by *Althea Wright, Myles Ellis*

The May Rose Clippings will be sent by email to those who have an email address on file and mailed to members who do not have an email address listed with us. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

- *The family of Jeanette Nichols, as they mourn her passing on April 21, 2020
- *The family of Norma Cooper, as they mourn her recent passing.
- *The family of Jim Taylor's father, as they mourn his recent passing.
- *The family of Frank Hansen, as they mourn his passing on Feb. 23, 2020.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

****Ann Palmer is in hospice care in Concord, Ca, near her son, Tom.***

****Gwen Christiansen is in hospice care at her son Ed's home
at 1509 Yardley St. Santa Rosa, Ca 95403***

Bill Beaumont	Marilyn Hilen	Diane Schuler
Bob Bunting	Janice Holmes	Debbie Seat
Patrick Butler	Carolyn Kenworthy	Bob Simmons
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Sharon Sorani
Gwen Christiansen	The Markus family	Bob Weber
Doreen Cowden	Luu Maxwell	Helen Wikle
Dick Draper	Jessica Morse	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Barbara Flannery	Ann Palmer	Avery Yudice

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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