



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester & Beyond



Jesus and the two disciples *On the Road to Emmaus*, by [Duccio](#), 1308–1311, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

WORSHIP ONLINE & AT HOME





You are invited from your home to participate in the elements of worship preceded in **BOLD**.

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## GATHERING

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The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

**PRELUDE** “Largo Espressivo”

Julia Watts, violin

Pugnani

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**All: Alleluia!**

Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**All: Alleluia!**

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN 232, w. 1, 2, 3** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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## WORD

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God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Todd Bowman

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Lord of the Dance”

Traditional Shaker melody, words by Sydney Carter

Cheryl Costello, soprano | Amy Bowman, piano

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 24:13-35, NT

### Encounter on the Emmaus Road

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

**VIDEO** “Our Risen Savior: The Emmaus Road” by *The Skit Guys*

**SERMON** “What Just Happened?” The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

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## **RESPONSE**

God strengthens us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

[...the petitions conclude...] Leader: And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray...

**All:** 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.

**OFFERTORY** “How Great Thou Art”

Colin and Julia Watts, vocals

Stuart K. Hine

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## SENDING

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Go in the joy of resurrection:      **All: purify your souls;**  
Leader: be obedient to the truth;      **All: be genuine in love,**  
Leader: through the living and enduring Word of God. **Amen.**

### POSTLUDE “O Worship the King”

Mark Hayes

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After prayer and thoughtful deliberation and with deep regret, our elected leadership, the Session has acted to suspend all church activities through May 10 in order to comply with the CDC recommendation and the Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Order 55, as well as an act of Christian love towards neighbors. A worship service will be broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and video will remain on our Facebook page after the broadcast. We will also upload the video to our website.

<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchwinchester>

<https://www.fpcwinc.org/virtual>

### What can you do during this time?

- Support our church’s elected leaders and staff. We have been making some hard decisions on the fly without a roadmap. We are learning to lean ever more closely on God and one another more and more as we lead in this crisis. We are humbled by the trust you place in us to lead well and wisely.
- Maintain your giving to the church according to your ability. Our financial obligations remain as does yours – mission commitments, staff salaries, utilities, insurance, planned maintenance of a sizeable facility. You can send your offering via USPS [116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601] or you can give electronically using the “Donate” button on our website. Thank you.

[<https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate>]

- Check on your neighbors. There are folks who are impacted harshly by the disruptions of this pandemic than others. They need us and we can help.
- Pray for your church family. Make phone calls. Send emails. Mail cards. Let folks know they are remembered and loved.
- Practice Sabbath. Set aside time to be with God, to be silent, to listen for the whispers of the Spirit, to release your anxiety and fear, to renew, to rest.