

BREAKING
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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

*All who are able may stand. The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

Chimes Concert at 10:00 a.m. from Trinity Chapel's steeple

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?

**We shall praise God
who hears our prayers,
who draws near to us,
and brings new life out of death.**

Dear Ones, how shall we live?

**With the confidence of God's beloved children,
with security and joy of God's saving grace.**

Friends old and new, what is the promise?

New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!

Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?

**We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise!
We will praise the Lord as long as we live!**

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst.

Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us.

Sing with us! Dance among us! Pray with us!

Shower us with your love! Amen!

*Opening Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(Luke 24:13-35)*

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way,

we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance.

We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us.

Yet, sometimes we would cling to you,

**hoard the blessings of relationship with you,
and not share your love with others.**

Forgive us, Dear One.

Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world.

**Press us to share the hope and joy of your love,
so that someone who hungers for spiritual food
may be filled by our witness to your grace.**

**Shine the light of your Spirit through us,
so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace
and help to revive those in whom hope has died. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God may come to us, unrecognized, as a stranger.

The Risen Christ reaches out to us in unexpected ways
as we travel our own Emmaus roads.

May the Word of our Stillspeaking God
continue to burn in our hearts.

Thought For the Day

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, for ever. Amen.

The Scriptures

Luke 24: 13-35

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem *Just a Closer Walk with Me*

*- arr. E. Lojeski
ERUCC Singers*

***Closing Hymn** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

- P. Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
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***Benediction**

Friends, rejoice in the mothering and fathering love of God!
Rejoice in the victorious life of our Risen Savior!
Rejoice in the power of the Spirit!
Go, living in the love of Christ!
Go, serving in the name of Christ!
Let your love of God embrace
Your children
Your family
Your enemies
Those who are afar off
Those who are strangers met on the road
May your lives praise the Lord!

***Postlude**



Worship Notes: From the Heart: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Easter was written by the Rev. Renee C. Jackson, Minister for Ministerial Formation, MESA Team, United Church of Christ



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzioh0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

Prayer List - Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Jaci Clayton, Raleigh Jenkins (brother of Donna Logee), Gail Ellam, Al Peden, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Tina Baker, Douglas Pyles (brother of Barbara Rhoads), Alyce Schimd (sister of Dennie Schmid), Lynn Severn family (friends of the Ken Hoffmann family), Dawn Williams (mother of Starr Schaeberle), Mary Hoffmann (sister in law of Ken Hoffmann), Pat Thomas (neighbor of Ken and Anne Hoffmann), Lois Wilson (Dan Smith's Aunt), Jerry Cassell (brother of Ave Barr), Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Roger Williams (father of Starr Schaeberle), Mary Remsberg, Faith Kline (friend of the Schaeberle family), Susan Matesa (friend of Dan Smith & Austin Byrd), Larry Maples, Dustin Chapman (friend of Catie, Alex & Sean), Jane Doll, Susan McCauley (niece of Jack Stush), Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Terry Smiley (uncle of Scott Smiley), Shawn Smiley (cousin of Scott Smiley), Joe Jahoda (Kim Jahoda's dad), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Frank Tymczyszyn (brother in law of Nancy Jones), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

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We ask you to remember all of those currently serving in the Armed Forces. Your prayers and cards are welcomed and appreciated by those on our prayer list.

Worship Next Week: Sunday, May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

[Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship next Sunday](#) at 10:30 a.m.

Updated Directory Available: Now it is even more important to connect with members via phone call or email message. If you want an updated directory, please contact the church office: aaguilar@erucc.org or 301-662-2762. One will be emailed to you (or snail mail).

Join Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/608416206>

Each Monday, we will send out a Bible study sheet. The passage will be one of the lessons from the previous Sunday's scripture readings. You are invited to use the material for your own personal reflection and, if you wish, join a Zoom Call on Tuesdays at 11:00 am to discuss the passage with others.

If you wish to be added to this Bible Study mailing, please let Amy know: aaguilar@erucc.org

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Daniel for a check-in **each day at noon:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/683955819> If you need to know how to set up Zoom, contact the office and we will attempt to walk you through the process.

Youth are invited to join Pastor Daniel for a Zoom Call **every Wednesday** at 4:00 pm:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/405187542>

If you or someone in your family is in need of a call, a pick me up, anything, please contact the church office at 301-662-2762 or via email at bkdaniel@erucc.org

Stay Connected and Get Informed!

There are many ways to receive information about what is happening at church each week. The weekly bulletin, the weekly informational email, and our monthly newsletter, The Trinity Chimes, Facebook, and Instagram. (@eruccfred

Thursday Thoughts—A weekly emailed message that shares updates, highlights the upcoming service's scripture and focus, and includes announcements about Sunday School. To sign up to receive Thursday Thoughts, contact Amy Aguilar at 301-662-2762 or aaguilar@erucc.org and share your preferred email address.

Trinity Chimes—ERUCC's monthly newsletter. A more in-depth look on what's happening with the congregation. How we're reaching out, learning and volunteer opportunities, member and social program updates. Receive Trinity Chimes by email! Contact Amy Aguilar at 301-662-2762 or aaguilar@erucc.org to request to be added. (Paper copies also available upon request.)

Consider continuing your support of ERUCC on-line. You can set up automatic giving via your bank, or use this handy link from our website: <https://erucc.org/give-your-money/>.

When we arrived to the year 2020, we knew we had a lot to celebrate. Our church had reached the remarkable milestone of being a House of Worship in the Frederick community for 275 years. In those years, the church had faced many hurdles. While some were higher and some were lower, we managed to surmount all of those hurdles and remain a beacon of hope and joy for those who follow Jesus.

Now we find ourselves facing new challenges. The life of the church will go on, but for the immediate future that life will be different. The church staff is continuing to work on our various areas of expertise: planning for worship, creating new means for education and fellowship, maintaining our buildings, and communicating with all of you. While we are doing our best to minimize our expenses, such as suspending our building cleaning contract and turning off the furnaces for this season, there will continue to be expenses that we cannot change.

We want to care for ourselves and also continue to support our neighbors in need throughout the community and the world.

As you are able, we ask that you continue to support the church. You can send us a hand-written check through the mail, you can use the options at your bank to create an online check, or you can use the PayPal or VANCO links on our web page. Counting teams will periodically work to organize a bank deposit just as they do routinely during normal times

We know that these are uncertain times, so be thoughtful in all that you do. If your financial situation is stable, please consider your church.

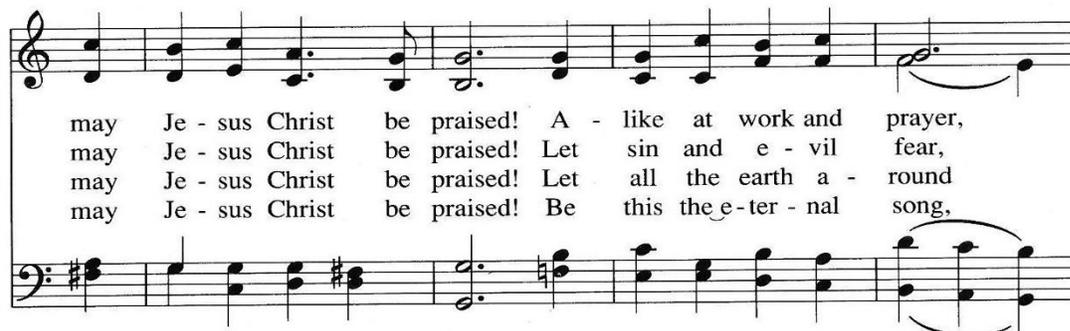
Cliff Barr
Allen Flora

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.


1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

Luke 24:13-35

Breaking Bread

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday

“My name is Cleopas. I’m like lots of other disciples whose names are mostly forgotten. But, just like the more memorable followers, we believed in Jesus. He healed us and loved us. And then, just when we thought everything was going as well as it could go, something terrible happened. We were heartbroken. And with loss and that grief came fear for us, too, so we knew we had to get out of town.

As we were on the road, walking and talking and trying to make sense of it, a man came up to us and asked what we were talking about. I don’t know about you, but when I’m afraid, and when I’m sad, it seems like my loss is all there is in the world. But we told him the story about how our friend Jesus had died, how his body had gone missing, and how very sad we were. The stranger looked at us so gently that we should have known him right then, but we didn’t. And he spoke so kindly, saying, “Don’t you remember what it said in the scriptures?” Then the stranger reminded us of the old, old stories because we had forgotten, because our grief had made our world so small, because our fear had made it so hard to remember or look back.

As he spoke, it was like my heart, which was hard and covered with some strong thing, burst open just a little bit. I don’t know what to call it, but it felt a little bit like hope. So, we continued on the road. As it began to get dark as we got near the place where we lived, Emmaus. We invited him in and sat around the table and after a time, that stranger took up the bread and he blessed it. That’s when we saw him. That’s when we realized he had been with us all the time, but our fear had kept us from seeing. It was really him all right! It was Jesus!

And just like that, he was gone. But not exactly. He’s still here, because I don’t forget the time that we walked on the road. I don’t forget that in the time when I thought there was no hope left, a man came and spoke some words to me that cracked my heart open and lit a fire inside.

Why didn’t we recognize him at first? Well, he had changed. He changed and we had too. We had changed and gotten smaller. We thought that because he had touched us, had healed us, had spoken with us, had loved us, that he belonged just to us. But we were wrong.

Jesus came wearing a face and a shape we didn’t expect and so we didn’t recognize him. And you know what? He hasn’t stopped doing that for any of us! Listen. If there’s anything I want you to know from that day, where we walked on the road and we met a stranger, and that stranger was Christ, it’s this: Jesus doesn’t belong to any of us, not to our time, not to our place, not to our beliefs, not to our people. He’s so much bigger than that. Someday, when the world seems dark, and all you can see are the shadows and all you can feel is the fear, that’s the day to open your door to a stranger and say, ‘Come in. Come in, and eat with me.’”



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