

*Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
The Second Sunday of the Easter Season
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 11, 2021*



Prelude: *Christus Vincit*

Sung by King's College Choir: <https://youtu.be/M4dNybj68rE>

Welcome and Announcements (attached PDF)

***Call to Worship:**

"Road to Emmaus" Michael Torevell

The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

He speaks to us with love and encouragement the word that frees us from our sorrows.

A guest among us, he becomes the Host.

He makes himself known still today in the breaking of bread.

Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise # 245 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Robert Williams, 1817

Sing along: <https://youtu.be/15dmjnB8FZU>

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!

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!

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!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Call to Confession:

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God (moment of silent confession). In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 238 *Thine Is the Glory* (verse one)

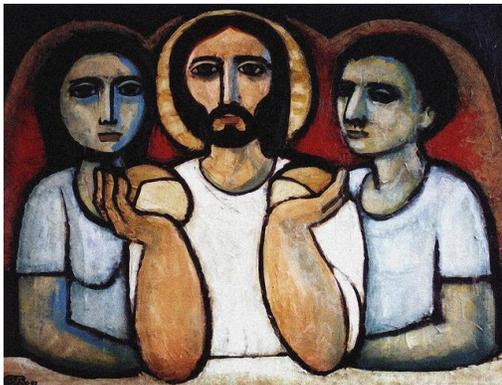
Text: Edmond Louis Budry; 1884; Music: George Frederick Handel, 1748;

Sing along with Grace Community Church - Sun Valley, California: <https://youtu.be/AG3OZoSXmt0>

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright garment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then



"Emmaus" by Maximino Cerezo Barredo

enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: "The Table of Grace"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Special Music: *Now the Green Blade Riseth* arranged by Donald McCullough

BBC Songs of Praise: <https://youtu.be/UVduV0ustWw>

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

All good things come from God, the giver of life. We are called as stewards of God's gifts to share in fulfillment of God's purposes for creation. As stewards of the kingdom of God, let us give from our abundance with thanksgiving.

***Doxology # 606**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

Sing along with Anthem Lights and Selah: <https://youtu.be/tQUTvMtUhw4>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 515 *I Come with Joy

Text: Brian Wren, 1968, revised 1993; Music: American folk melody

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/ZC8-rJ-eEHU>

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.



I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As you prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper,
place a loaf of bread (or a slice) on a plate and fill a cup with juice or wine.

These are the elements that will be blessed
as Christ invites us to share in the joyful feast.

It is Christ who invites us to the table, Christ who feeds us,
and Christ who calls us to share his body with others
in ways that are healthy, helpful, and hopeful.

Invitation:

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south and from east and west
to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share in the feast he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy God, we praise you.
Let the heavens be joyful,
and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.
Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Guiding his children, he leads us.
Visiting the sick, he heals us.
Dying on the cross, he saves us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.
Living with you, he prays for us.



Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples
until we feast at your table in glory.
We praise you, eternal God,
through Christ your Word made flesh,
in the holy and life-giving Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution:

On the night that he was betrayed,
Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Pass the bread to the person next to you and say,
“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Pass the cup to the person next to you and say,
“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”



Prayer after Communion:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit to be the Body of Christ
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 236 *The Strife Is O'er

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1695; Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861
Sing along with Polk Street United Methodist Church Choir: https://youtu.be/Cy_IW63fYZc

Alleliua, alleluia, alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath disperse:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting they servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee: Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction:**

May the risen Christ meet you on the road,
Lead you into all truth,
Guide you on your path.

May the risen Christ feed and sustain you,
Fill you with his presence,
Equip you by his Spirit.

May the Risen Christ go with you today,
Be with you through this week,
May you dwell with Christ forever. Amen.

Postlude: Organ postlude of *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* and *Handel's Hallelujah Chorus* (in C-Major)
<https://youtu.be/WHbV949LES1>