

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

26 April 2020

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship from Psalm 116:1-9 (CEB)

I love the Lord because he hears my requests for mercy.

I'll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.

Death's ropes bound me; the distress of the grave found me—
I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.

So I called on the Lord's name: "Lord, please save me!"

The Lord is merciful and righteous; our God is compassionate.

The Lord protects simple folk; he saves me whenever I am brought down.

I tell myself, You can be at peace again, because the Lord has been good to you.

You, God, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, and my foot from stumbling, so I'll walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Anthem "On Emmaus' Journey" text by Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

Call to Confession

Brother and sisters, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-39**

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

Lesson Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

Hymn 817 “We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight”

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Benediction