



First Presbyterian Church
Lockport, NY
Worship
April 26, 2020

PRELUDE “Ode to Joy” -Callahan

OPENING SENTENCES

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to his friends.

**Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.**

Today we gather around the table, font, and pulpit –
Hoping, trusting, to behold the risen Lord.

**May our eyes be open
to recognize Jesus in our midst.**

HYMN # 839 “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
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Praising my Savior all the day long.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living Lord,
by the power of your Spirit,
you are present among us.
Yet, like the first disciples,
we fail to see you in our midst.
We do not realize you are walking beside us.
We do not notice you in everyday encounters,
for we are distracted by daily labors
and consumed by our own concerns.
We do not recognize you at our tables,
for our expectations are too limited
to imagine all the ways you dwell among us.
Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst,
so that – seeing you clearly –
we might follow you faithfully. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI

SONG: "Forever" – Jackie Davis

READING: Luke 24:13-35

HYMN: #251

“Christ Has Arisen”

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoicing and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia !

Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living ! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia !

SERMON

HYMN: #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia ! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph
His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO THE OFFERING

The author of 1 Peter implores us to love one another deeply *from the heart*, assures us that we have been born anew *through the living and enduring word of God*. In our giving today, let us give, not out of obligation, but *from the heart*. Let our gifts be seeds of *the living and enduring word of God*, that will sprout in abundance of justice and hope all that is necessary for life, for sisters and brothers here at hand, and around the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: "We Believe" by Jackie Davis

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus, God has made you both Sovereign and Christ.
Therefore we pray your blessing upon these gifts, upon us,
and those whose lives will benefit from them.
May your victory over death
empower all whom you call to trust in God.
In faith and hope we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN # 248 "Christ Is Risen!"

Christ is risen ! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen ! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste to love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

POSTLUDE Holy God, We Praise Your Name -Bish

Organist: Jeff Seekins
Soloist: Jackie Davis
Pastor: Jim Hardy