

Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn Nebraska

April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Our Vision: Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known

Prelude

Holy Ground

Pete Hall, Dave Futon, Calvin Thompson

Ringing of the Bell

Bill Dermyer

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bonnie Wilkins

(Congregational Meeting, regarding land sale, tomorrow, 4/19 at 6pm via Zoom)

Call to Worship

Marilyn Schreiner

ONE: In these moments of isolation and wondering what tomorrow might bring, let us lift our voices to God.

ALL: We will call on the One who promises to hear us, and better – to listen to our hearts and souls.

ONE: In days of uncertainty, when the future seems unclear, in life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

ALL: We will rejoice in the One who is with us walking with us, opening our eyes, touching our heart.

Song

Praise the Lord

Shari Brosz & Praise Band

Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-8 (NRSV)

Marilyn Schreiner

“My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

Marilyn Schreiner

ONE: When we confess our lives, we are calling on God who promises, not only to hear us, but to heal us with forgiveness and hope. Join me, as we pray together saying,

ALL: We cut you to the heart, Loving God, with the choices we make. We can offer words of healing and hope but tend to hold them close to us in these times. We had hoped to find Jesus but often never notice him in the folks we overlook. How foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, Father. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future.
(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Wilkins

ONE: Amen. This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God. This good news is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet.
ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.
ALL: *And also with you.*

Response

Glory Be To the Father *Teresa King & Praise Band*

Scripture

Luke 24:13-32 (NRSV)

Rev. Wilkins

“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 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?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

<u>Sermon</u>	<i>Walking With Jesus</i>	<i>Rev. Wilkins</i>
<u>Confirmation Song</u>	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name On High</i>	<i>Peace Youth</i>
<u>Receiving Into Membership By Affirmation of Faith-Confirmation Class of 2020</u>		
<i>Morgan Anderson, Brett Vance (Jackson Hall will join at a later date)</i>		

<u>Prayer Requests and Prayer Offering</u>	<i>Rev. Wilkins</i>
	<i>Marilyn Schreiner</i>

ONE: We invite you to make your offering online or by mailing in your check to our P.O. Box address. Your gifts and offerings support Christ's work through Peace. // As we offer our treasure and hearts to you God,

ALL: may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of Christ's gifts and presence in their lives.

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>	<i>Marilyn Schreiner</i>
<i>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.</i>	

<u>Song</u>	<i>Song of Hope</i>	<i>Shari Brosz and Praise Band</i>
<u>Charge and Blessing</u>		<i>Rev. Wilkins</i>

ONE: Jesus walks with us on our journey.

ALL: We will go with him wherever the road takes us.

ONE: Jesus has opened our eyes.

ALL: We will go to serve everyone we see. (Blessing)

<u>Postlude</u>	<i>Lonesome Valley</i>	<i>Pete Hall, Dave Futon, Calvin Thompson</i>
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