

# ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

### *Gathering*

#### THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" Arr. Lloyd Larson  
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#### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN "This Is My Father's World" Tune: TERRA BEATA

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and haven be one.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because God has heard  
My voice and my supplications.

**Because you inclined your ear to me,  
Therefore, I will call on you as long as I live.**

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
And call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord  
In the presence of all God's people.**

Let us worship God!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing Your presence with us. We follow our busy pursuits without reference to Your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while You call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through Your living and enduring Word.**

*(A time for personal confession)*      Let All God's people say: **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF GRATITUDE                      "Celtic Alleluia"

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Listening to the Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:14, 36-41 (NRSV)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,  
Make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.  
Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.**

**Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed  
And the pious, babbling din of the claimed but un-lived creed.  
Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.**

**When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,  
When I preach your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.  
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect your inward light.**

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## GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?" <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with

them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"On the road, again"

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

\*AFFIRMATION

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

"Day of Arising"

Tune: BUNESSAN

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

## *Going Forth to Serve*

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN

“We Will Walk with God”

Tune: SIZOHAMBA NAYE

**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

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### WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The blessing of the holy, triune God— who was and is and is to come— first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega—be with you now and always.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

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## *Church Notes*

### NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please take time during the coming week to prepare to receive this sacrament. Each family will supply its own elements for the celebration. Join us for this special celebration of our Lord's Supper in worship May 3.

### MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY.

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. Please drop your gift in the mailbox at the choir room or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

## ***Nurture Time***

**April 26: Read Luke 24:13-35** In Luke's gospel, Jesus puts aside all doubt for the two disciples who broke bread with him at Emmaus. They immediately return to Jerusalem to tell the others. What causes you to doubt? Think of examples of when someone's doubt has had a positive result

## ***Prayer List***

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)*

### **Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families**

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Sue DeWald	Jackie Pauley
Bonnie Leslie	Lee Ann Goff	Ruth Pritchard
Kristen, Stephen, and baby	Brad Harkins	Joy Ratcliff
Emerson Ash	Addilyn Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Niall Bailey	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Day Bishop	Mark King	Gregory Stonestreet
Barb Clark	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Dick Clark	Cheryl Morgan	Ella Grace Washington
Jo Clark	Abby Pauley	Jo Wilson

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

### **Prayers for our Military**

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

**Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers** - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

**Prayers for those at home** - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches** –Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton; Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Glenville Presbyterian Church; Thageini Church (Thah-GAY'ee-nay); Gura Parish (GOO'rah)

