



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter  
26 April 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Voluntary

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship

Psalm 116

The Lord has heard our voice and the cries of our hearts.

**Gracious God, bring us peace and comfort.**

Let us rejoice and call on the name of the Lord!

**The Lord who protects and saves us through the Risen Christ.**

Let us come together in the courts of the house of the Lord,

**with thanksgiving and praise. Alleluia.**

Friends, let us worship God and proclaim the love of Christ together.

Hymn 257

The Risen Christ

*Woodlands*

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;  
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with the oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, hear our cries that are being lifted up to you.  
As uncertainty of tomorrow surrounds us with fear and anxiety, we are prone  
to be caught in the web of the worldly deceptions. Through your loving  
kindness, help us to turn and to seek your guidance. Forgive us for not trusting  
your Word and promises. Open our eyes that we may see you walking and  
leading us in our journey. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Passing of the Peace** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And those with whom we worship.**  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Children's Sermon

**First Scripture Reading** Luke 24:13-27

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 [Jesus] 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.

**Musical Interlude** Interlude Healey Willan

**Second Scripture Reading** Luke 24:28-35

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** Grow by Walking Rev. Christian K. Choi  
*Text:* "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? "  
*-Luke 24:32*

