

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WALKING IN HIS WAYS



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Alleluias

Robert Lau

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"The brief story of the supper at Emmaus carries within it a number of core principles of the Christian life as Luke understands it. ... The simple acts of generosity and community in daily life are the acts that make real the living presence of Jesus."

—Kate Cooper

INTROIT

Easter Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these moments,

To rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Today's cover art is "The Disciples at Emmaus," originally done by a student of Rembrandt and reworked by the Dutch master, circa 1655.

Kate Cooper is a theological historian and author of "Band of Angels: The Forgotten World of Early Christian Women," the source of this quote.

*Please join in on the liturgy printed in **bold italics**. An asterisk * indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."

Our Grace and Restoration sequence this morning is adapted from Prayers of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand, published in "A Common Prayer" from 1990.

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest will also be learning about today's preaching text on Jesus' encounter with disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our Resurrection faith. Amen.

*HYMN *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* Purple, No. 231

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

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Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasting your gifts, forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done and left undone that has injured us, others and your world. Forgive our failings, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Love is born with a shadowed and troubled face

When hope, once-dead, is touched by living grace.

And in the most unlikely place

Love is born anew:

Love is always born.

In Jesus Christ, Love Reborn, we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Gloria, Gloria (Latin)* Purple, No. 583 (twice)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Lord, Prepare Me
(Sanctuary)*

Purple, No. 701

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.***

With thanksgiving,

I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Help us be open to the movement of Your Spirit, O God, so that as the word is read and proclaimed we may hear it and You speaking to our challenges and our hopes so that we might hear Your loving instruction and joyfully respond with conviction, compassion and hope. Amen.

ANTHEM *On Morn of Beauty* J. Sibelius

SERMON READING Luke 24:13-35 NT, p. 90
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Walking Away*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed Ecumenical* Purple, p. 17

*HYMN *When the Poor Ones* Purple, No. 762

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Christ Is Alive!* Purple, No. 246, vs. 5
Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, 'til earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Response *The Day of Resurrection!* Purple, No. 233, vs. 3

***Now let the heav'ns be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.***

***Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has Risen,
our joy that has no end.***

The current ecumenical version of the Apostle's Creed was revised in 1986 by the English Language Liturgical Consultation, a consortium of seven ecumenical organizations representing Christians from every continent where English is spoken. Presbyterians were represented by one of those seven groups, the Consultation on Common Texts, a body made up of 23 North American Christian denominations.

Our closing hymn dates from 1996, when it was composed for a Minneapolis regional gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America so that the greater church would have an Easter season hymn based on today's text.

If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain in their seats to listen. Thanks!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, accept these gifts which we offer in grateful response to the riches of your immeasurable love. Strengthen us with your Spirit to witness to that love in all we do and say, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Day of Arising

Purple, No. 252

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Llanfair

David Briggs

The Chancel Flowers today are given by Betty Mack in thanks for her children Katherine and Richard, in memory of Bill, and in memory of her brother, Everett.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Michael

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Chancel Choir

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Linda Beckstedt, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg, Tom Abendroth

Acolytes—CJ Dominello & Thomas Kellogg

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