

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor*

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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 2020**  
**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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 table, font, and pulpit—hoping,  
trusting to behold the risen Lord.

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

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #687            “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

THE 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, for we are rushing to meet the demands of hectic  
schedules and overcrowded lives. 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 on our streets or 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.**

**Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING            I Peter 1:17-25 (p. 983)

SPECIAL MUSIC                            “How Great Thou Art”  
*Swedish Folk Tune/Performance by Aiden Goodwin*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING            Luke 24:13-35 (p. 860)

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                                        “We Had Hoped”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #517                                “Here, O Lord, We See You”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.26, adapted)*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is  
the sign that God will consummate the work of creation  
and reconciliation beyond death and bring to  
fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Pastor Greg Glover** is today’s Liturgist.  
**Beth Glover** is Interim Director of Music  
**Dylan May** is Interim Accompanist  
**\*Please stand if you are able.**

