



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, April 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Easter
10:00 a.m.



Nicolas Lokhoff. Copy of the picture: The Road to Emmaus by Duccio di Buoninsegna

Cheltenham United Methodist Church
11111 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623
Rev. Mark Schaefer, Pastor

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Easter III

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Schaefer

+GREETING

from the Book of Worship

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Hallelujah!

That very day, two of the disciples were going to a village named Emmaus. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

And they recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

+HYMN

“Christ Is Alive”

UMH 318

OPENING PRAYER

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good that we may do your will, working in us that which is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

+HYMN

“Victory in Jesus”

UMH 370

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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| NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | | Acts 2:14a, 36–41 |
| +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | “Celtic Alleluia” | TFWS 2043 |
| +GOSPEL LESSON | | Luke 24:13–35 |
| SPECIAL MUSIC | | |
| SERMON | “Questions of Faith: Is the Resurrection Real?” | Rev. Mark Schaefer |

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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| OFFERTORY +DOXOLOGY | <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i> | UMH 94 |
| OFFERTORY PRAYER | | |
| +HYMN | “We Know That Christ Is Raised” | UMH 610 |

GOING FORTH

- +BENEDICTION
- +RECESSIONAL

The + indicates the congregation standing, if able.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 2:14, 36–41 • 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.

“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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. 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.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24:13–35 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?” 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.