

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter – Join us on You Tube!**

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.  
The road between fear and hope,  
the road between the place where all is lost  
and the place of resurrection.  
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,  
we are in need of your company!  
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,  
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.  
~ Carol Penner

**Opening Music**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”  
Mary Maldarelli, organ

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship** [*responsive*]

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hear the Good News ring out.

We are an Easter people,

**Alleluia is our song!**

Our lives ring out the Good News  
**through our words and thoughts and actions.**

We come today, even with many other places we could be,  
**to celebrate our God of Life and embrace the new life only Christ can give!**

Let us worship God with Easter joy!

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

O gracious and merciful God,  
we are wounded, wayward and too often wearied.  
We gather to acknowledge our desperate need for you.  
Forgive us, we pray, and reveal yourself,  
as we turn our hearts to you.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

### **Assurance of Pardon** [*responsive*]

Friends, be confident in this season of resurrection.

The one who began a good work within you and among us together will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

**In the risen Christ, we are forgiven and set free.**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture**

**Luke 24:13–27**

<sup>13</sup>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.



## **We Depart for Service**

### **Announcements and Passing the Peace**

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

### **Closing Blessing**

### **Closing Music**

"We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight"

Glory to God #817

### **Participating in the service:**

Mr. Allen Baxter and Mr. Mike Baxter, Worship Leaders

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin

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