

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

THE VISION OF GOD

Voluntary: A	lagio in E Major Frank Bridge (1879-1941 <i>John Alexander, organ</i>
Welcome & A	NNOUNCEMENTSNeil Dunnavan
CALL TO WORS	НІР
One:	I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise will forever be in my mouth.
All:	Magnify the Lord with me, and exalt God's name together.
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All:	Happy are those who take refuge in God.
	- from Psalm 34
Hymn of Prai	SE: No. 246 – Christ Is Alive!(SEE PAGE 2
Prayer for th	e Day
	od, in the breaking of the bread, your Son was made known to his es. Be known to us this day, in our hearts and in our lives, that we

might learn to follow in your way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Scripture: Psalm 34:1-14

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Witherspoon

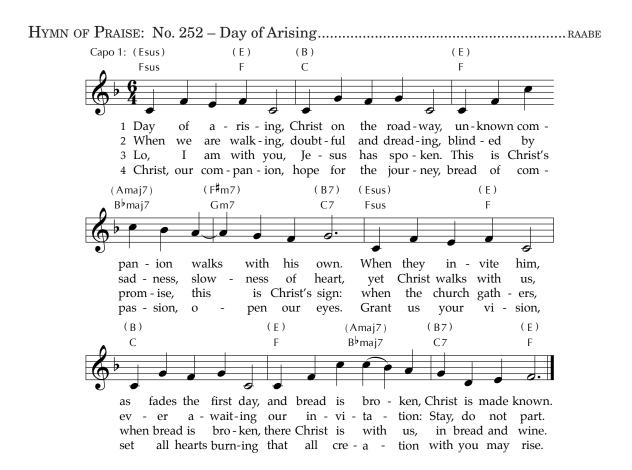
SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

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 saving, "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.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD



In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit,

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

We trust in God the Holy Sprit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

With believers in every time and place,

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH continues, over

We rejoice that nothing in life or in death Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- from A Brief Statement of Faith

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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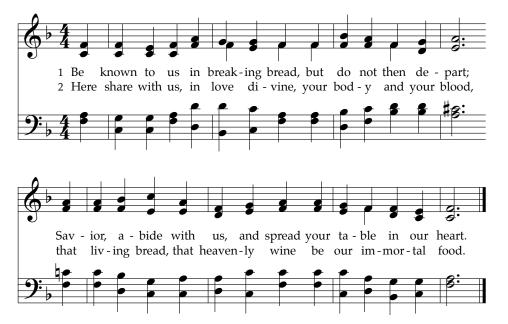
Please participate in the offering by giving online at **fpcgreensboro.org/give** or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

Music for Meditation: Alleluia from Exaltate Jubilate..... W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Julie Celona-VanGorden, soprano

John Alexander, piano

CLOSING HYMN: No. 500 – Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread....... St. Flavian



Today's Worship Leaders

Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor | Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | Julie Celona-VanGorden, Soprano

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