

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN – April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter



When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Luke 24: 30

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. *Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader: Cindy Bowers – Children’s Message: Betsy Kachmar – Ushers: Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler, & Tyler Bowers – Tech: John Current & Bill Werling – Counters: Pam Callahan & Jon Wolf – Pianist: Sue Creager – Choir Director: Tom Callahan.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. by Raney

Welcome

***Call to Worship —**

We gather on the road, unsure and searching.

And Christ comes alongside us.

We bring our questions, our doubts, our stories.

And Christ listens with compassion.

In the breaking of the bread, our eyes are opened.

The risen Christ is with us!

Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn — #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”**

***Call to Confession —**

Even as Christ walks beside us, we do not always recognize him.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession —**

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always recognize your presence among us. We walk through our days distracted and weary, missing the ways you draw near. We cling to our fears and doubts, and we struggle to trust the good news of resurrection.

Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes, warm our hearts, and lead us back into the fullness of life you offer. In Christ’s name we pray.

Amen.

Time for silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon –**

Hear the good news: Christ meets us on the road, calls us by name, and does not leave us where we are. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Song of Assurance #583 “Glory to God”

***Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, by your Spirit open our hearts and minds, that as your Word is read and proclaimed, we may recognize Christ among us and be transformed by his presence. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Choir Anthem — #239 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Gospel Reading — Luke 24:13-35

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13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Message

We Didn't Recognize Him

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn of Response — #737 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Risen Christ, you walk with us in every season of life.

Be present with those who feel alone or burdened...

Bring healing to the sick, comfort to the grieving,

and hope to those who struggle to see your presence...

Guide your Church to be a place of welcome and recognition...

And send us out as witnesses of your resurrection.

God of life, hear our prayer.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, who taught us to pray...

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.

Call to Offering

Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Let us offer our gifts with grateful hearts, that others may come to recognize his presence among us.

Offertory *Hallelujah! What A Savior* by Bliss

***Doxology #606** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication –**

Let us pray: **Generous God, bless these gifts and those who give them. Use them to reveal your presence in the world, to bring hope where there is despair, and to draw others into the joy of your resurrection life. Amen.**

Announcements

*Closing Hymn – #231 “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* by Wyeth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Life Tin Caps Outing: Everyone is invited to Grace’s Annual Tin Caps Outing. The game is May 10th. The cost for a ticket is \$30. We will be in a concourse suite which will include access to a taco bar. Deadline to reserve your spot is April 26th. There a sign up in the narthex or reach out to Tammy Menkes.

Spanish Club: Everyone is invited to join the club. Thursdays at Grace. Learn some Spanish while hanging out with Sandy Garcia, or practice what you already know. 6:00 PM.

New Newsletter in Narthex: Paper copies of the newsletter is in the narthex.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers of peace and comfort for Butch, Sue’s nephew, as he deals with his cancer.
- Prayers of guidance for Vivian’s care team and peace for her family.
- Prayers for You to be with us, our country, and the world during these troubling times.

Birthdays

Brenden Lehman - April 22

April Lehman - April 23

Elaine Louise Lochry - April 26

Loretta Mary Lochry - April 26

Anniversaries

Alex & Amanda Bowers

April 20, 2019

Worship Volunteers for April 26, 2026

Lay Leader - Tyler Bowers

Children's Message - Todd German

Ushers - Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler, & Tyler Bowers

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

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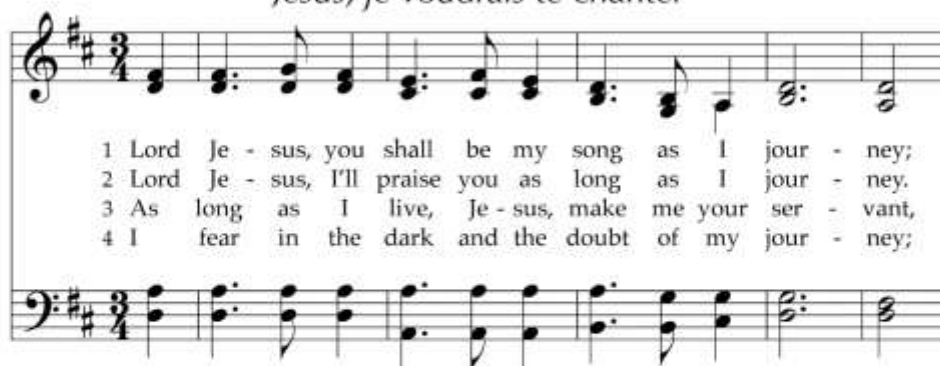
In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

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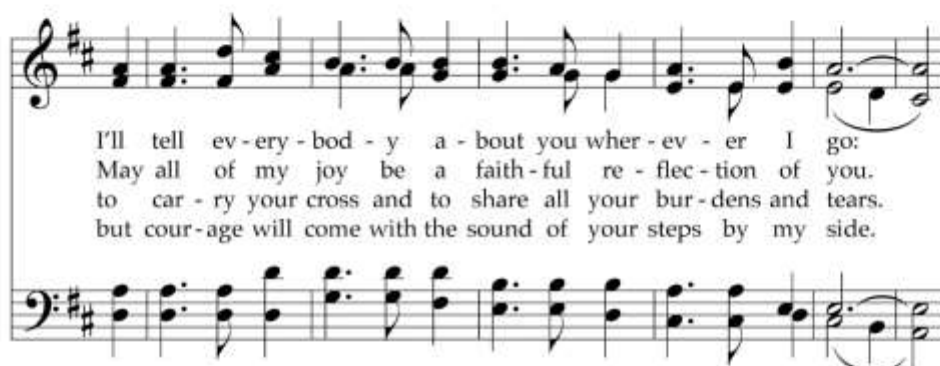
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter


1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,

Originally created in French, this text reflects the ministry of a Roman Catholic religious community, the Little Sisters of Jesus, who work with people on the margins of society. This hymn is also beloved by the Ark (L'Arche) communities who minister to adults with disabilities.

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LES PETITES SOEURS
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Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

FRENCH

- 1 *Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route;
 Jésus, je voudrais l'annoncer à mes voisins partout,
 car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'amour:
 Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route.*
- 2 *Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route;
 Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,
 et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel;
 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.*
- 3 *Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route;
 Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,
 car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;
 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.*
- 4 *Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route
 entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,
 jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,
 Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.*

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Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace' his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre - a - tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."