

APRIL 26, 2020

LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD



***We praise God, who is known to us in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We pray for God to bless us so that we may be a blessing to others.
We pray for Jesus to be with us, as he promised to be, whenever we gather in his name.
We pray for the Spirit to make our worship holy, joyful, and true.***

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *"Jesus Tender/At Evening"* David Haas/arr. Jeanne Cotter/William Seale, piano

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read in unison)* Becky Bosarge

**When the road to this moment might have been;
surprising...
disruptive...
disappointing...
grief-filled...
exhausting...**

**In this moment and in all our moments, whatever they might be,
we are met by the risen Christ.
Open our eyes, Holy One to your unexpected presence!
Let us worship God!**

WORSHIP & PRAISE *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”* Paul Baloche /Tom & Olivia Haines

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, open the eyes of our hearts
We want to see You, we want to see You *(repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy

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Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy *(repeat)*

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
We want to see you *(repeat)*

PRAYER of CONFESSION *(read in unison)* Becky Bosarge

**Gracious God, we confess that these days are so hard. We travel down the road
weighed down by grief, confusion, and anger. Our shoulders sometimes slump, our
eyes are often downcast, our steps feel heavy. We like clarity and certainty, and so
much about our lives feels uncertain right now. Help us to keep walking even in our
uncertainty. Open our eyes so that we see you as and how you come to us.**

(silent prayer)

ASSURNACE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Adam Hayden

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 24:13-35*

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE MESSAGE *"Eyes Wide Open"*

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Give thanks to God for the financial blessings you share with the world through the PCW congregation. Bless your gifts as you prepare to them to send to the church or give online at pcwyoming.org

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Give Me Jesus”

arr. Moses Hogan/Lee Rowse, tenor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Becky Bosarge

Use the prayer page to pray for the those who are ill, and the needs of our world and congregation.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(read in unison)*

**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.**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

POSTLUDE “Steal Away to Jesus” *(Spiritual)*

Larson/Goldens, piano

Next week is the first Sunday of May and we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper online. Prepare some bread for you and your family (maybe your children or grandchildren would like to bake some fresh bread or biscuits!) You might want to use a special plate and cups that hold memories for you and your family. After the service share some of those stories!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send you prayer requests to dhaines@pcwyoming.org

FOR PRAYER

PRAISE GOD!

Finding new and creative ways to stay connected while we are apart

THIS WEEK

Rick Engleman - heart surgery in early May, son of Lamie Engleman

Our friends and neighbors who aren't able to visit with loved ones – comfort and peace

All dealing with sickness and fear of sickness

Pastor Nominating Committee

Leaders - Mo Miller - Elder

Kathleen Wilson - Deacon

Connie Golden - Church Staff

CANCER

Natalie Allmond's mother - in hospice care

Karen Brown LaGard - Leukemia and appendicitis

Jeff Bartlett - leukemia, Ron Stoerker's cousin

Ann Miller Hernandez - recurring cancer, daughter of Paul and Peggy Miller

Rachel Bens - family of Shandra Harris

Marjorie Smith - blood cancer, wife of Rich Smith

CONTINUED PRAYER

Annette Mears - hospitalized for pneumonia with COVID-19 - now at home recovering, aunt of Debi Hanes

Norm Thomas - recovering from hip surgery

Winnie Peatree - recovering in Bodman

Gloria Kuhn - hospice, Susan Anderson's mother

Lois and Phil Fox - health concerns, moved to assisted living

Pat Harris - heart issues, sister-in-law of Shandra Harris

Cynthia Towne - brain tumor is stable

Pat Connors - breast and bone cancer in remission, George Lewis' mother-in-law

Alana - recovery from bone marrow transplant, friend of Barb Fant

Joyce Leifheit - awaiting kidney transplant

Our Missionaries - The Benadums and Myhres

Prayers for all with ongoing situations

PRAYER SCRIPTURE

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.