



Third Sunday in Easter

April 30, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Lord

Prelude | Come to Us, Beloved Stranger *setting by John Carter*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship** — Adapted from Psalm 119:1-8, *The Message*.

Those who stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God, are blessed.

We are blessed by following God's instructions, doing our best to seek God with all our hearts.

God has prescribed the right way to live, the way that leads to health and happiness.

Help us, Lord, to keep to the course you set, walking with steady steps all the way.

Then we will not be looking back over our lives with regrets.

Instead, we will have the comfort and joy of God's companionship all our days.

***Gathering Hymn** | Come, Christians, Join to Sing *red hymnal, #599*

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Silence for personal confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all in Christ will be made alive. **Amen.**

***The Peace | time of greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Bible, pg. 491*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson | 1 Peter 1:17-23 *Bible, pg. 983*

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Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministries

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the Congregational Hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | Come to Us, Beloved Stranger *red hymnal, #207*

Gospel Lesson | Luke 24:13-35 *Bible, pg. 860*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Where did he go? *Rev. Dr. Matt Paul*

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | Woodwinds + Brass

***Offertory Response** | Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism** | The Apostles' Creed *red hymnal, #783b*

Nathan John Wolf, son of Adam and Jessica Wolf

Prayers of the People + 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.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen *red hymnal, #205*

*Charge + Blessing

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner by the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *Pastors*

Laura Kastens, *piano*

Lee Rabe, Assistant Director of Music

Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble

Ted Potter; Myrna Farraj, *worship leaders*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments between services; this is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

Families with children and infants are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

Infant and toddler care (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. You may also drop your card off at the Welcome Center. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Share an "aha story" with others about a time when my eyes were opened to the truth of God's word in a new way.
- ◇ Meditate on the Walk to Emmaus story and consider what it tells me about ways in which we encounter Jesus today.
- ◇ Seek opportunities to extend hospitality to others this week in Jesus' name.
- ◇ Pray each day for God to prepare me to receive communion next Sunday.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door. You may indicate that you would like your prayer shared with the congregation during worship, or only shared with the Pastors and Prayer Ministry. Need more? A Stephen Minister is a trained member that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support during times of need, grief, and crisis. If you know someone who might need a friend during a life transition, please contact one of the pastors or the Stephen Ministry referrals coordinators Graham Dameron (319/337.9270 | graham3076@gmail.com) or Mary Beth Ross (319/338.0082 | jawoodsunrise@gmail.com).

The **flowers** this morning are given by his family in memory of Bill Ford, who died April 28, 2016.

When you are planning your summer schedule, be sure to include **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and leaders are invited to join us from 9 am to 11:30 am, June 12 through the 16 at the church. Registration forms for participants and volunteers are now available on the credenza outside the church office. Registration fee is \$10 by May 31, or \$25 after May 31.

Today we launch our **Milestones project**. The stones commemorate significant events in our faith journey, including baptism and receiving communion for the first time. Stones will be given for free to young people and adults who reach a faith milestone. Stones from past accomplishments, and bowls to hold them, may be ordered for purchase. To order, stop by the Milestones table outside the sanctuary today.

You are encouraged to pick up a **Next Chapter: Recipe Book** from the table outside the sanctuary.

