
THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the power of sin.

People: Alleluia!

Liturgist: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

People: Alleluia!

Liturgist: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

****Prayer of the Day**

***Hymn 329** *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

****Declaration of Pardon**

****Hymn 579** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,*

world without end. Amen. Amen."

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Children are dismissed to their class.

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

The Reading from the New Testament

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

...see insert...

Reader: The word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading from the Gospels

Luke 24:13-35

...see insert...

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon

"The Word You Hold"

****Hymn 332**

"Live into Hope"

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(debts/debtors)

*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.*

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

****Hymn** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* **DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

The Ordination and Installation of Deacon Tori Isaacs

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.

THE SENDING

****Hymn 398** *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

****please stand as you are able**

First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for the Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.

*Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish
Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney*

Please silence cell phones prior to worship



(The Walk to Emmaus by Lelio Orsi—circa 1565-75)

We welcome everyone to this hour of worship. It is our prayer that this time will be meaningful to you as you worship. As we prepare for this holy time, let us center our thoughts on the Christ who loves us supremely.