



Jesus' Appearance While the Apostles are at Table
by Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255-1319). Based On Luke 24:36-48

Service for the Lord's Day

April 14, 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

God has been with us from the first days. God was with Abraham, and at the Exodus, and in the Sinai wilderness, and led the people into the Land of Promise. God was with us in the crucifixion. God is with us as Christ appears in our lives.

Prelude

Zion's Walls from *Old American Songs*
Wyatt Edmonds, baritone

Aaron Copland

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

From water to wilderness, over Jordan and into the land of promise:

God remains with God's people.

From Abraham, the ancestor of nations, and to the Son lifted up:

God dwells with us. God's kingdom comes near.

We walk with Jesus.

For where he is, we would be also.

The God of our salvation meets us on the road.

The risen Lord is with us, in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let us be glad!

And worship the Lord!

Hymn 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST KEVIN

Call to Confession

The confession of our sins after Easter has the poignancy of remembering that Jesus died for us, but it also is aware that Christ rose for us. Thus, our sins have been thoroughly answered by God. Open our eyes, O God, to truth hidden in the ordinary.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it.

Ps. 19:12–13

Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way.

Let your commandments rule and guide us.

Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.

Exod. 20:4–5

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationship

with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.

Exod. 20:12, 14

Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,

rather than words that belittle or destroy.

Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Amen

Exod. 20:12–17

Declaration of Good News

Response

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

By words and gesture, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from Psalm 4 (responsive)

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

³ Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord.

⁶ Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?” Let the light of your face shine on us.

⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Open our ears, so we may hear you. Open our hearts so we may feel your presence. In the midst of these lives we lead, open our spirits, so we may recognize you in our common activities: the meals shared, the friendships enjoyed, the day before us, and in the days of Easter ahead; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Lift High the Cross

Leland Sateren

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

All Sit

Sermon

Faith, Fish, and Insomnia

Rob Hale

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

The Offering

Buck in A Basket
this week will help
to support our
Preschool
Learning Center.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, I Need You

Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

*Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowling here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart;
You're the One that guides my heart.*

Chorus

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You.
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.*

Repeat **Chorus**

All Stand

Doxology

All Sit

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Benediction

Postlude

Community carries us over the rough spots of life. It lifts us in its current and moves us when we cannot move ourselves.

-Joan Chittister

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Eating Out Small Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 15

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Finance Ministry
6:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 19

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)

Announcements

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Wyatt Edmunds, Hailey Goodwin, Darcy Merriman,
Jeremiah Simpson, Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Kelly Goad

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke, Lillan Hargesheimer

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THE ROSE AT THE COMMUNION TABLE is given to the glory of God and honors the birth of Ivy Storm Hines, who was born March 12, 2024 to church member Barbara Solberg-Hale.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, April 21: Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Kathy Higgins. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet at India Oven, 1755 Scottsville Road on Sunday. If you have eaten at India Oven, you know there is lots of variety and the food is delicious. If you are concerned about spices, you will be fine because you can order mild, medium, or hot. We hope you can join us!

COMING UP:

CECELIA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5th Annual Spring Giveaway – May 25, 2024 from 9am until 1pm. Household items, men's, women's, & children's clothing, toys, small appliances and much more! 716 College Street in Bowling Green. For more info, please call Lovelyn at 270-935-5110 (msg) or email ceceliameorial1234@outlook.com.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE Coming up soon, you may again place an order for coffee, tea, and chocolate from Equal Exchange. Doug plans to put an order in on April 22. Order forms will be available on table in 10th street foyer or contact Doug Humphrey by email (dhump@twc.com) or phone (270/792-0772).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am.

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class offers book study for adults with rotating leadership
- Bible study class that is focusing on the Book of Mark -coordinated by Julia Roberts.

PLC DINNER AND AUCTION – On Sunday, **April 28**, join us in Fellowship Hall for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and a silent auction that will take place after our worship service. All donations to the fundraiser and silent auction are welcomed. Please contact the Director, Kimberly Watkins by e-mail if you are interested in making a donation for the auction, or just come and enjoy fellowship and spaghetti to help support our PLC!

SATURDAY MEALS April 27th is the Presbyterian day to host. We will need eleven (11) drivers, six sorter/packers, two kitchen helpers and at least two for cleanup. Please let me know if you can help in any capacity - call or text Lovelyn at 619/368-2103. Thank you everyone for your faithfulness. This is a wonderful program and we are honored to be able to be a part of it.

SPECIAL EVENT! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 22. The Christian Education committee has invited Friends and Family Outreach at WKU College of Health and Human Services to teach their **course on basic CPR and defibrillator use** in our fellowship hall. The course is free. No previous experience is required for this basic course. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 AM, and the course will begin at 9, and last approximately 2 hours. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table across from the Chapel (below where our defibrillator is located), or call the church office at 270-843-4707 to do so. Looking forward to your attendance.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR MAY A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader> Thank you!

OTHER NEWS

AN EXHIBIT of Photography by Sheila and Alan Reeves and Paintings by Diane Simmons titled **The Lens and The Brush** will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Gallery, March 22 to May 3. The artists invite you to stop by and enjoy this tribute to the splendor of nature and the Glory of God.



We extend our sympathy to Andy Stahl in the death of his mother and church member Antoinette "Toni" Stahl, who died April 3, 2024.

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