

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.

**Sermon**      **The Power of Story and the Role of the Church**  
Rev. Elizabeth Schultz

\* Hymn # # 252      *Day of Arising*

**Moment for Mission**

**Offertory**      *Awake, My Heart With Gladness*  
by Wilbur Held



\* Doxology

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

\* Hymn # 744      *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Etude in E major Op. 10, No. 3*      Frederic Chopin



**Psalm 199:105**  
**Your word is a lamp for my feet,**  
**a light on my path.**

**WELCOME TO FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship April 19, 2026**  
**Welcome!**  
**\*Indicates Please Stand**

**Prelude**      *Dreams*      by Howard Hanson  
                 *Prelude #22*      by J.S. Bach

**Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

**- Call to Worship      Donna Mong, Liturgist**

Leader: God of Hope, we gather in your presence with confidence that you will guide us on our path of life.

**All: Where there is sadness, bring joy.**

Leader: Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment.

**All: Where there is fear, bring courage.**

Leader: Where there is weakness, bring strength.

**All: Where there is despair, bring hope.**

Leader: Let this place be home for holy words, and songs and prayers,  
as we devote ourselves to you.

**All: Let us worship God together!**

**\* Hymn # 248      *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

**- Time for Reconciliation**

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

**All: Cleanse our hearts and thoughts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may better love you.**

Leader: We are witnesses of your grace and glory, but we too often allow others to silence our praise.

**All: Through your grace, we no longer imprison ourselves with shame, nor fail to shine your light for all to see.**

Leader: We pause now for silent prayers of confession, for prayers of gratitude for God's grace, and time to forgive those who have sinned against us.

**Moment of Silent Confession and Gratitude**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, join me in proclaiming the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven!**

**Response: Gloria Patri**

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.

**Passing of the peace**

**Choir Anthem      *He is the Christ***  
by Shawna Edwards and Linda Urquhart  
arr. By Daniel Blomberg

**Kids' Time**

**Scripture Reading - 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.