Fincastle Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter April 26th, 2020 – 10:30am – Live Streaming



Mission Statement

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences and serving our community in love

Prelude:

"Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands"
Scheidt & Zachau

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (unison)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts: and let them return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #362

"Morning Has Broken"

Call to Confession:

(unison)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we are sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.

Prayer of Confession:

(unison)

Almighty God,

You love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. If a man is in Christ, he becomes a new person altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

Friends: Let us believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are

forgiven. Amen!

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Illumination: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 116:1-4, 7&8, 12-14 Old Testament Reading Luke 24:13-35 New Testament Reading

Sermon: Without Christ, the Road Is Uncertain; With Christ, the Road Has Meaning, Purpose"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #248 "He Lives"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Holy Jesus is risen from the dead"

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(unison)

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Al Frederick, Jean Branscom, Laura Holt, Jackie Ferrel, Holly Myers (*Ty's daughter*), Ruth Schaaf (*Bev's mother*), Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Audrey Brizendine (*Evelyn's friend*), Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Vaughn Bozman (*Gwen Griffith's brother*), Kaki Peaslee, Doug Ross, Dianne Poynor, Marilyn Koch (*Lisa's Mom*), Janet Woolwine (*Carolyn's Sister*), Neal Brush, Alexsis Porter (*The Porter's granddaughter*), Molly Rose (*Valerie Lucas's cousin*), Gwen Griffith, Kerri Summerlin (*Carolyn Knicely's niece*), Gretchen Greiner, Bob Waid, John Poyner, Family of Toney Fitterer, Family of Helen Ronk, Julie Amoroso (*Beth Clark's Sister*)

Members: Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

<u>Birthdays:</u> John Griffith 4/3, Rick Vari 4/9, Marissa Schade 4/16, Craig Leisure 4/21,

Marilyn Tomblin 4/22, Debbie Coots 4/25

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 116:1-4, 7&8, 12-14

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beseech thee, save my life!"

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. ⁸ For thou hast delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

¹² What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Second Scripture Reading:

Luke 24: 13-35

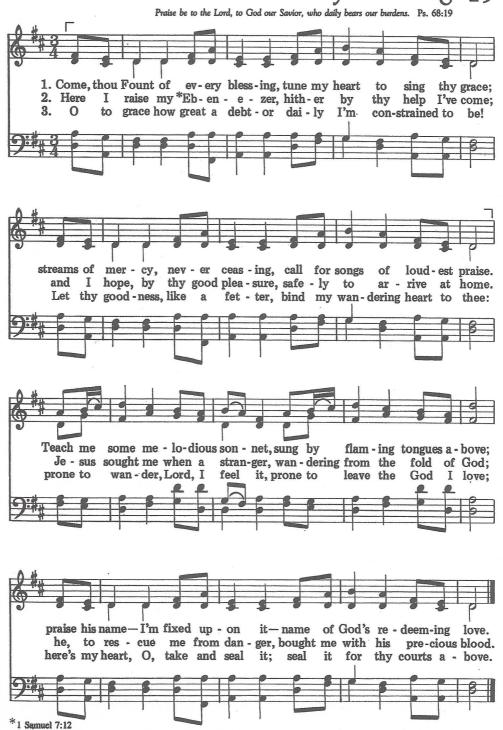
¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning 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 rulers delivered him up 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 this happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning ²³ and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, ²⁹ but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them. ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

362 Morning Has Broken

In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. Ex. 16:7



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 45



WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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248 He Lives "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18 1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day; 2. In all the world a-round me I see his lov - ing care, 3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair; e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer, I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast, The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find, and just the time I need him he's al - ways near. the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last. none oth er lov - ing, so good and kind.

