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## Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior  
to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all**, we proclaim the  
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

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**Jens, Bartel, pianist**  
**Noah Curry, liturgist**

(Image on cover: "Supper at Emmaus" a painting by Caravaggio)

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*"My Lord, What a Morning!"*  
Traditional Spiritual, arr. William Ryden  
Kalinde Webb, trombone / Bill Fisher, tuba

#### CALL to WORSHIP

One: Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?

**All: We shall praise God  
who hears our prayers,  
who draws near to us,  
and brings new life out of death.**

Dear Ones, how shall we live?

**With the confidence of God's beloved children,  
with security and joy of Christ's saving grace.**

Friends old and new, what is the promise?

**New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!**

Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?

**We lift our voices and our hearts in love,  
thanks, and praise!  
We will praise the Lord as long as we live!**

**HYMN** – "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

#### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Sacred Stranger, our Companion on the Way,  
we yearn for your love and grace.

**We seek your salvation, wisdom and guidance.  
We relish the joy which burns within our hearts  
when you are with us.**

Yet, sometimes we would cling to you,  
hoard the blessings of relationship with you,  
and not share your love with others.

**Forgive us, Dear One.**

**Remind us that your love  
is to be carried throughout the world.**

**Press us to share the hope and joy of your love,  
so that someone who hungers for food  
may be filled by our witness to your grace.**

Shine the light of your Spirit through us,  
**so that we may show your Way  
those who long for peace  
and help to revive those in whom hope has died.  
Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

**Jesus may come to us, unrecognized, as a stranger.  
The Risen Christ reaches out to us  
in unexpected ways  
as we travel our own Emmaus roads.  
May the Word of our still speaking God  
continue to burn in our hearts.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

#### A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

##### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death  
and opened the gates of life everlasting.  
In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
raise us with Christ,  
open our ears and loosen our tongues  
that we, too, may proclaim your love,  
healing, and peace to the nations. Amen**

#### SCRIPTURE

A reading from Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – "Walking and Running"

Pastor Lawrence

##### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**HYMN** – "Because You Live, O Christ"

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Because you live, O Christ,  
the garden of the world has come to flower;  
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.  
The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!  
O sing this Easter day,  
for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen,  
has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ,  
The spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;  
Our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life denying.  
The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!  
O sing this Easter day,  
for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen,  
has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ,  
the rainbow of your peace will span creation;  
the colors of your love will draw all human-kind to adoration.  
The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!  
O sing this Easter day,  
for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen,  
has risen, has risen!

#### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

#### MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho"  
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Ryden

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to give online

#### PRAYER of DEDICATION

**HYMN** – "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

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In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## STEWARDSHIP IN THIS SEASON



In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

### BLESSING

Friends, Go, living in the love of Christ!  
**We go, serving in the name of Christ!**

Let your love of God embrace  
Your children  
Your family  
Your enemies

**Those who are afar off**  
**Those who are strangers met on the road**  
**May our lives praise the Lord!**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Shalom Israel" arr. Ryden

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**Community Meal: The Community Meal on Wednesday, April 29, has returned.** There will be meals purchased by the Community Meal Fund that comes from our Third Sunday Coin Collection to supply sandwiches from local businesses. While members of the congregation are not asked to supply food for this meal, you are encouraged to give to the Kiwanis Food Drive.

Our Mission and Outreach Committee and Deacons are proactively responding to the needs of our community mission partners including – the Family Resource Center (FRC), Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS), Oxford Seniors, and the Backpack Program.

In lieu, of contributing to the April Community Meal, please consider donating to the FRC (send checks to P.O. Box 108, Oxford, OH), TOPSS (through the Kiwanis Food Drive), or the Deacons Food Drive (send checks to the OPC office). Thank you for loving our Oxford neighbors during this time of pandemic.

Although we cannot currently gather together for worship, mission, or Christian education – our congregation adapted each of these areas, and more, to the current realities in this pandemic.

With the evolution of our ministry, your stewardship remains as vital to ever as we increase mission support of our community partners, gather for worship via livestream, offer creative and original Christian education content, and faithfully care for our church staff. Your gifts matter and make an impact as we respond together to the impact of COVID-19.

Please mail your pledge/tithe to the church office or give through one of these digital avenues. To give *online* both conveniently and securely, you may access our online giving opportunity from your computer at <https://onrealm.org/oxfordpresbychurch/Give>.

To give via *QR code*, scan the code above with your phone and follow the brief prompt.

To give via *text message*, text opc1825 and your designated amount to 73256. For example, text "opc1825 25" to 73256 for an offering of \$25 and follow the prompt. Questions? Contact office - [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org).

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# Third Sunday in Easter



**Sunday, April 26, 2020**



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