

## Welcome to Our Celebration of Worship

*To all who live joyfully and long to share their excitement ... to all who mourn and need comfort ... to all who are weary and need rest ... to all who are homeless and desire sheltering love ... to all who pray or are in need of prayer ... to all who sin and need a Savior ... to all who recognize Christ in their midst and hunger to share God's love with all the world ... Old First Presbyterian Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says ... WELCOME!*

*\*Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.  
(The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold.**)*

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude *Improvisation* K. Friese

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Introit *Blow the Trumpet in Zion* J.N. Beck

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 98*

Leader: Sing a new song unto the Lord! He has done amazing and wonderful things, achieving victory for all God's people.

**People: The Lord has made his salvation widely known; revealing his righteousness to all nations everywhere.**

Leader: God has remembered his loyal love and faithfulness; all people have seen his salvation and rejoiced.

**People: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Be happy! Rejoice! Sing praises to our God!**

Leader: Let the rivers clap and the mountains rejoice in the presence of the Lord, our God.

**People: For God will establish justice in the world and righteousness among all of God's people.**

Leader: Confident in the eternal promises of the Lord, our God; let us lift our hearts and voices in joyful praise and worship.

\*Hymn 510 *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you prepare a table for us, but we want to assign seats. You offer a banquet, but we want to write the guest list. You invite all to join your feast, but we make excuses for why we cannot come. You provide enough for us, but we want more than enough, even as we see others unable to fill basic needs. We consume, but fail to give thanks, share our bounty, or carry one another's burdens. We are offered a sacrament, but we manage to make it all about ourselves. We set our own tables that you so rightly desire to overturn.**

**Loving God, forgive our table manners. Turn our meals into celebrations, our feasts into fellowship, and our consumption into communion. As we gather around reminders of your grace, may we remember your unconditional love and be driven to share it with others. In your mercy and grace, strengthen us to live our lives, in thought, word, and deed, as examples of our Christ. Give us hearts that overflow with the joy of walking alongside you and open our eyes to recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior, the resurrection and the life everlasting ...**

*(Please continue in silent prayer of confession.)*

Together, let all of God's people say ... **amen.**

Hymn 551 (Kyrie Eleison) *Lord, Have Mercy*

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy.

In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace.  
To God, we are ever thankful. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise (Hymn 240) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

*(We will sing the refrain, verse 2, and the refrain once more.)*

\*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Luke 24:13-27 New Testament, p. 90 / P. 109

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *The Image of God* C. Courtney  
Sierra Healy, Violin / Sanctuary Choir

Time with Our Young Disciples

Congregational Invitation (*Sung Twice*)

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.**

*Church school is available for children preschool through 6th grade.  
All children will return to their families to share together in Communion.*

Second Lesson Luke 24:28-35 New Testament, p. 90 / P. 110

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **"At Table"**

\*Hymn 505 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

\*Affirmation of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

**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.**

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Do This In Remembrance of Me* J. Purifoy  
Sanctuary Choir

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

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 Words of Institution

Communion

*All are invited to hold the bread and cup so that we may commune together.*

Prayer after Communion

Offering of Our Time and Talent

\*Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"*

**Come, O Lord, be with us. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.**

**May our hearts, flow with peace. Come with your love and surround us.**

**Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.**

**Bless us now. Bless our friends. Bless all people forever.**

\*Postlude *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* P. Mohz

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*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by  
Asenath Fuchs in loving memory of her husband, Roy Fuchs.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Elder Susan Oehrig, Lector

Ken Friese, Director of Music

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list this week:

**Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:**

Holly Baptista, Bob and Gail Esser, William Gray (Father of Dorothy Mandrakos), Dave and Else Haddock, Pat Lobasso (Husband of Joan Lobasso), Virginia Perry, Ilse Perwass (Grandmother of Erik Heidenfelder), Angelica Richter, James Schubauer, Rod Tibbetts (Husband of Martha Tibbetts), George West, Arthur Whitfield (Cousin of Emil Backstrom), and Grace Youngquist.

*Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.*

*If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact Pastor Means.*

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Curt Abbott	Jim Colbert	Kerry Degnan
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Laure McKenna	Gretchen Hargis	Susan Oehrig
Julie Salzano	Amy Girimonti	Gillian Plastaras
Cindy Samuels	Marge Sammis	Melissa Terc

Thomas Bosch, *Clerk of Session*  
Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

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Key elements of today's service of worship include ...

**Prelude**

*The pre-service music is an opportunity for us to be called out of the world and into the presence of God, preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits to worship God together.*

**Welcome / Opening Prayer / Call to Worship**

*We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are called to worship in Spirit and Truth. We pray for an awareness of God's presence in our worship and share a responsive "Call to Worship," based upon the lectionary Psalm of the day.*

**Confessional Liturgy**

*Recognizing that all have fallen short of the glory of God by failing to love and serve God perfectly, we are invited to join together in confessing our corporate and individual sin. After sharing the "Prayer of Confession," we sing our desire for God's mercy ("Kyrie Eleison"). We listen for the "Assurance of Our Forgiveness" in Jesus Christ and then proclaim our gratitude both in song ("Gloria Patri") and through the sharing of God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ ("Passing of the Peace.")*

**Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings**

*Given the importance of hearing and heeding God's Word, we pray for God to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to receive and live the Word of God read and proclaimed. We believe that Scripture (the Bible) is the Spirit-inspired Word of God for the people of God. Usually, two Scripture passages are read, each one relating to the Pastor's message as well as the overall spirit, theme, and direction of the service of worship.*

**Time with Our Young Disciples**

*Children and their faith growth are very important to our church family. Jesus called God's children to his presence to love and teach them and it is our great joy to do the same! Our children have special time in worship to hear the message in ways that help them consider God's Word for their faith and lives. Those who are between preschool and sixth grade are then given the opportunity to exit worship for a time of church school.*

**Sermon**

*The pastor then enters the pulpit to deliver the sermon, which is intended to offer some comment or instruction on the Bible readings in the service and some challenge to the congregation to live the Christian life, understand the Christian faith, or affirm the Christian commitment. The sermon usually lasts between 15 and 20 minutes.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Following the proclamation of God's Word, we are given the opportunity to respond to God's action in our lives as we affirm the faith we share by reciting the Apostles' Creed.*

**Offering**

*The ministry of Old First is supported by members and friends of the congregation responding to God by giving our financial gifts. The offering is the moment in the service when, out of gratitude to God, members of the community of faith **freely choose** to give financial gifts to Christ's ministry in and through Old First as an expression of our faith.*

**Communion / The Lord's Supper**

*We are blessed to be nourished - physically and spiritually - at the Lord's Table by bread and grape juice. These are visible reminders of the invisible grace of God, reminding us of the love of God, shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our invitation to the Lord's Table is for **all who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.***

**Charge and Benediction**

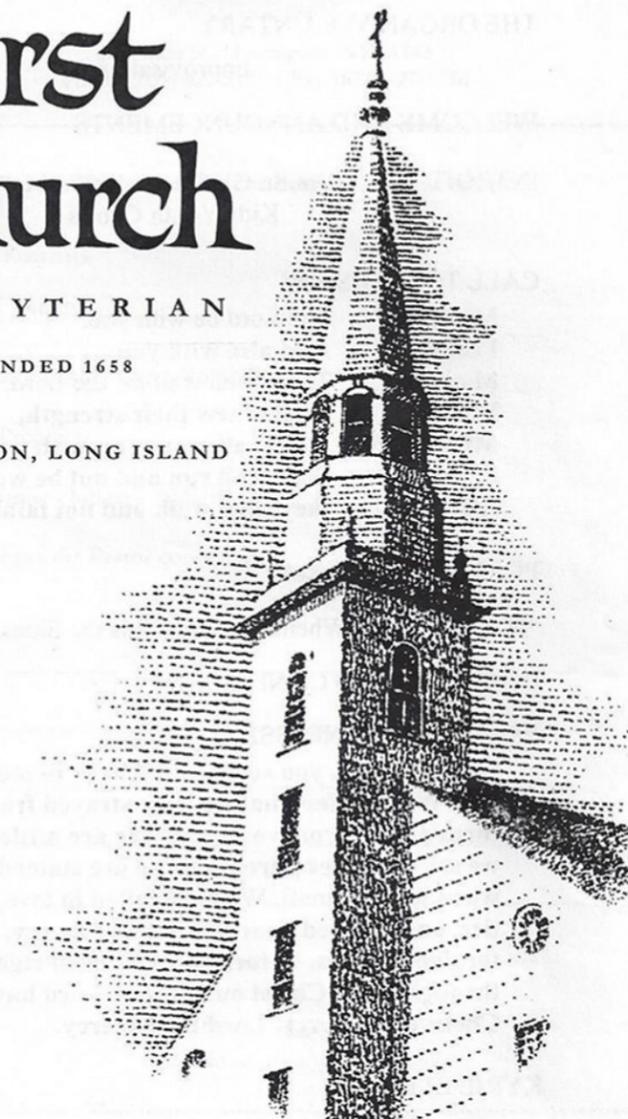
*We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!*

# Old First Church

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 6, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

## **Luke 24:13-27**

### **New Testament, p. 90 / P. 109**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?”

<sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Luke 24:28-35**

**New Testament, p. 90 / P. 110**

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**