

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Gordon Young Pianist Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*No Matter Who You are or Where You are
on Life's Journey, You are Welcome Here!!*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Leader in light print – **People in bold print**)

Sisters and Brothers, what shall we do?

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

Sisters and Brothers, how shall we live?

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

Sisters and Brothers, what is the promise?

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

Sisters and Brothers, 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!

OPENING HYMN *"The Day of Resurrection!"*

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John of Damaskus

Transl. John Mason Neale

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Christ who reigns eternal
in resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Loving God, we welcome your living
presence in our midst.**

**Share our joy and our thanks for the
life you give us.**

**Sing with us! Dance among us! Pray with us!
Shower us with your love! Amen!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Reader Barb Shoemaker

Old Testament: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

The first reading is Psalm 116 verses
1-4 and 12-19

I love God, because God has heard my voice and has heard my supplications. Because God inclined an ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of God: "O God, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to God for God's bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the
name of God, I will pay my vows to God, I will pay
them in the presence of all God's people.
Precious in the sight of God is the death of God's
faithful ones.

O God, I am your servant, and the child of
your servant. You have loosed my bonds. I
will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice;
I will call on the name of God.

I will pay my vows to God in the presence of
all God's people, in the courts of the house
of God, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise be to God!

The Gospel reading is found in Luke chapter 24
verses 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to
a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from
Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all
these things that had happened. While they were
talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near
and went with them, but their eyes were kept
from recognizing him. And he said to them,
"What are you discussing with each other while
you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.
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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders
handed him over to be condemned to death and
crucified him. 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.
Moreover, some women of our group astounded
us. They were at the tomb early this morning,
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.
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." Then he said to them,
"Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart

to believe all that the prophets have declared!
Was it not necessary that the Messiah should
suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
he interpreted to them the things about himself
in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were
going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.
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. When he was at the table with them, he
took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to
them. Then their eyes were opened, and they
recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.
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?" That same hour they got up and returned to
Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their
companions gathered together. They were
saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has
appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had
happened on the road, and how he had been
made known to them in the breaking of the
bread.

Here ends the reading of our Holy Scripture
lesson for this morning.

SERMON *"Another Emmaus"*
Pastor Gary Wilner

HYMN *"Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day"*
Tune #362 NCH

Permission granted by author, Carolyn Gillette

**Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,
Two travelers walked along the way.
They'd once had hope, but hope had died
When you, O Lord, were crucified.**

**When you appeared beside the two,
They could not see that it was you;
But as they talked and shared their pain,
You gave them hope and joy again.**

For as you spoke to them God's word,
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,
They understood what God had done
And that a new day had begun.

They shared their home; you broke the bread.
They saw you, risen from the dead!
That moment's grace helped them to see
The gift of God's eternity.

In scripture and at table, too,
O Risen Lord, may we know you.
And may your presence give us grace
To share God's love in every place.

**PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)**

Our God 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

SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Jesus, God has made you both Sovereign and
Christ. Therefore, we pray your blessing upon
these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will
benefit from them. May your victory over
death empower all whom you call to trust in
God. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Song *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* Video

LITURGY OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN "I've Got Peace Like A River"

African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.

3 I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

pianist Karen Mohr

(You are invited to stay seated for Postlude)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-
person, through the internet or on the radio.

We pray that you will hear God's call,
Seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN
98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored by
Byrl & Sharon Buddenhagen
in honor of all family members'
May birthdays.

- **Today, May 1st**
9:15 am – Sunday School
- **Wednesday, May 4th**
10:00 am – Stewardship Meeting
10:00 am – Pastor attends
Ministerial Alliance meeting at
Calvary
- **Saturday, May 14th**
Lorraine Shaw Memorial Service
10:00 am – Visitation here
11:00 am – Memorial Service

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Clark
County– **Change of Seasons**



This event is looking for
volunteers to assist with
washing windows (&
cleaning lower gutters if
staff is available).

If interested in
volunteering please meet
at St. Mary's Catholic
church for breakfast on

Saturday, May 21st at 8:30 AM.

If you would like help with these tasks at your
residence please call Judy Morrow, Program
Director, at 1-715-743-2885
or the ADRC at 1-715-743-5166



Clark County is hosting Farm Technology Days July
12, 13, 14 at Roehl Acres. There are opportunities
for non-profit groups to work in the food service
tents and parking. There may be compensation to
the non-profit organizations at the end of FTD. If
there is money left it is divided to the non-profit
groups based on the number of volunteer hours
recorded for their group.

If anyone is interested in working at FTD in food
service and/or parking with hours allocated to the
United Church of Christ please call Barb Petkovsek
at 715 429-0486 to sign up. You must be signed up
on-line.

Barb will also have her computer at church on
Sunday, May 1 to sign you up in person after
church, if that is your preference.

There are many different slots and opportunities
so please give Barb a call.

Volunteer guidelines are as follows:

1. Volunteers in the listed areas must meet the
following minimum age requirements:
 - Food , beverage and dessert tents – 16 years
Except that individuals age 12-15 may work in
food tents but may not:
 - Prepare food or handle money
 - Parking – 14 years
 - On-site vehicle operation(any vehicle) – 18 years
 - On-site cleanup – 14 years