

## Announcements

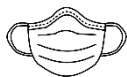
Wed, April 26: Choir 6:30

Thurs, April 27: KD Lunch (looking for KD, cookies & help!)

If you are looking for an easy way to get involved in the church's ministry, why not **consider volunteering to Greet worshipers before the service** and count offering afterward? We will be putting together a new rotation list for the upcoming months and would love to have your name on it! If you would like more information, please feel free to speak to Jacqueline Reeves.

**Church Membership:** Are you thinking about taking the next step in your journey of faith? Have you ever considered making a public profession of your faith by officially joining the church? In a day-and-age when people are becoming less and less willing to officially join things (political parties, social clubs, etc.), joining the church has certainly become a counter-cultural statement - to clearly say "This is where I belong and this is what I believe." If you are curious about what this might look like, please speak with Rev Brad to discuss with you both what it means and what it entails!

*The Public Health Office strongly recommends wearing masks in indoor public places; however it is no longer mandatory to do so. Individuals are encouraged to make their own choices about what they are most comfortable to do, remembering to be respectful and kind towards others.*



### **Mission Moment**

In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so **Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture.** "My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs," said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.

We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farming projects that help farmers and communities in Malawi achieve better food security.

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*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are  
and to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

### Call to Worship:

We have come from many places, following different roads.

**We come hungering for greater understanding.**

We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

**We come seeking companions in the faith.**

We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

**We come to grow as disciples of Christ.**

Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

Hymn: **#534 All who hunger, gather gladly**

Opening Prayers

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

*The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,*

♪ *where hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.* ♪

*The grace of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the Way;  
the grace of God is here to stay.*

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

*The Son of God comes close where people praise his name,*

♪ *where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.* ♪

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Ministry of Music: "What wondrous love is this" (arr. Larry Moore)

Message: "Easter (take 3): When the Guest Becomes the Host"

Hymn: **#262 Come to us, beloved Stranger**

## Our Response to God's Word

### Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high & low**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

### The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

Hymn: **#543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee** (verses 1, 2, 4)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer after Communion

Hymn: **#665 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song**

### Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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*"Sacraments are visible expressions of the gospel and are given  
as means of entering and sustaining the Christian life.*

*By baptism we are initiated into the Christian community  
and begin our Christian pilgrimage.*

*Through the Lord's Supper we receive food for our journey  
and are strengthened in faith."*

*~ A Catechism for Today, Question 79*


*In what ways is the "common table"  
more than a piece of furniture?*

*Why is regularly sharing meals so important for community life?  
In what ways might sharing meals be an act of  
resistance against the forces that dominate  
people's lives today?*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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**The Walk to Emmaus**

<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.

<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.

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