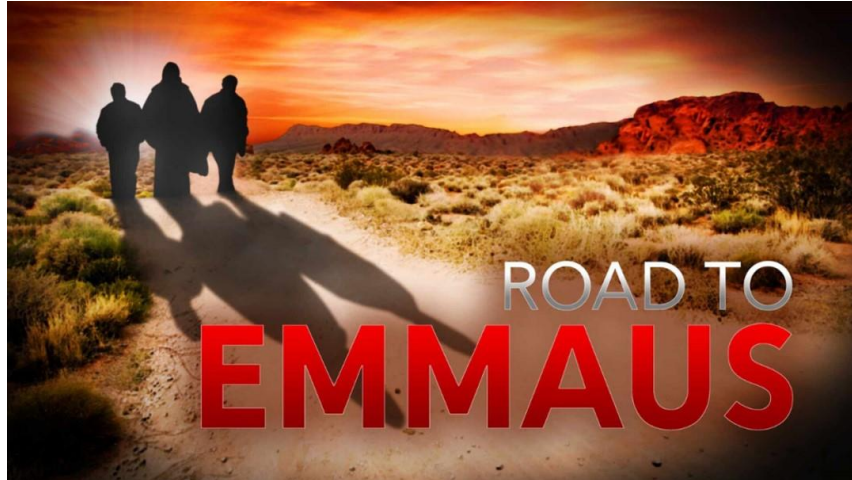


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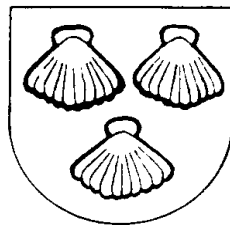
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**“Met Where We Are”**

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Marriottsville, MD

## WE GATHER

**Prelude** “Draw Us to You” Setting by Michael Burkhardt *offered by Clarice Snyder*

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**Welcome** *Rev. Patricia Abell*

**Introit** “The Day of Resurrection” *Handbell Choir*

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**Call to Worship** *Barbara Cook*

ONE: People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

**ALL: that Christ died, hanging on a cross;  
that God raised him from the dead on the third day;  
that he is coming again in glory to reign.**

ONE: This is the good news we tell to all the world:

**ALL: Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening Prayer** *Barbara Cook*

**O Risen Christ, we are grateful that you walk among us on earth, bringing life and hope. Help us to recognize you; help us to be aware of your presence in this time of worship. Enable us to stand alongside you in your ministry of healing on the crowded roads of our world, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon** *Barbara Cook*

**ALL: God of unexpected possibility, we confess we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may see the new life you offer us, and see signs of resurrection in our midst. Amen.**

Liturgist: Hear what the prophets have spoken: that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**ALL: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Alleluia!**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**Verse 1**

Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where Thy body lay

**Refrain**

Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won

**Verse 2**

Lo Jesus meets thee  
Risen from the tomb  
Lovingly He greets us  
Scatters fear and gloom  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing  
For our Lord now liveth  
Death hath lost its sting

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

No more we doubt thee  
Glorious Prince of life  
Life is naught without thee  
Aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conquerors  
Through thy deathless love  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above

**Refrain**

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**Children’s Moment**

**Debra Bostron**

**Scripture**

**Acts 9:1-6 (CEB)**

**Barbara Cook**

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest, <sup>2</sup> seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, “Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?”

<sup>5</sup> Saul asked, “Who are you, Lord?”

“I am Jesus, whom you are harassing,” came the reply. <sup>6</sup> “Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do.”

## Scripture

## Luke 24:13-33 (CEB)

<sup>13</sup> On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. <sup>16</sup> They were prevented from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

<sup>18</sup> The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

<sup>19</sup> He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. <sup>20</sup> But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. <sup>22</sup> But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. <sup>26</sup> Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

<sup>28</sup> When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

## Anthem

“By Faith”

***Chancel and Handbell Choir***

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## Message

“Met Where We Are”

***Rev. Patricia Abell***

## Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

## Lord’s Prayer

## Offertory

“Christ Arose”

***Handbell Choir***

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God all creatures here below  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God the source of all our gifts  
 Praise God whose power uplifts  
 Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

“He Lives!”

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1. I serve a risen Savior,  
 He’s in the world today  
 I know that He is living,  
 whatever people say;  
 I see His hand of mercy,  
 I hear His voice of cheer,  
 And just the time I need Him,  
 He’s always near.

2. In all the world around me  
 I see His loving care  
 And though my heart grows weary  
 I never will despair;  
 I know that He is leading  
 through all the stormy blast,  
 The day of his appearing  
 will come at last.

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today;  
 He walks with me and talks with me  
 along life’s narrow way.  
 He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
 You ask me how I know He lives?  
 He lives within my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice O Christian  
 Lift up your voice and sing!  
 Eternal hallelujahs  
 to Jesus Christ the King!  
 The hope of all who seek Him  
 the help of all who find  
 None other is so loving,  
 So good and kind!

**Refrain**

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Benediction

Postlude

“Alleluia!” arr. by Peter Pindar Stearns **offered by Clarice Snyder**

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*What difference does it make to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead? How does your faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ change the way you think about sin and death? How does it change the way you live?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation.  
Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made;  
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over.  
Help us to know that you are with us—  
through the promise of your Word, in the sharing of a meal,  
and by the power of your Spirit that burns within our hearts.  
Bless and keep us, this night and always.. Amen.*

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