TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

WELCOME
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CALL TO WORSHIP
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*♪ GATHERING SONG – “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Lorelle Banzett, Miriam Hoffmann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING 1 John 3:1-7 Marie Strassburger

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!


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?” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “I Wonder?”

♪SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD – “Day of Arising”

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues with the Words of Institution and sharing of the meal.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP OF LIFE

♫“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”
**LORD’S PRAYER**
Pastor will lead the Lord’s Prayer in the ecumenical version. You are welcome to pray however you choose.

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your name,
    your kingdom come, your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
    and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
    now and forever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING**

Go in peace. Live in the wonder of God!

Thanks be to God!

*We invite you to participate from home on sections typed in bold. And, if you would like, we invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

Thank you for joining us online this morning as we worship from our homes. We have chosen to worship online so that when we are able to come back together and worship in person, no one will be missing. Although the building has been closed, our church and worship have *always* been open! God’s grace and peace to you and your family.

We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry and enables us to continue to be an online worship presence. Gifts may be made online through our website at [TLPC.org](http://TLPC.org) or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church PO Box 10620 Truckee, CA 96162**

Our Congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God’s world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe–Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, in this year of pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers for the last twelve months.

We are in the season of Eastertide, the 40 days of Easter that will conclude on Pentecost, May 23rd. Please check the TLPC NEWS, emailed every Saturday, or email office@tlpc.org for more information on how to participate.