

First Up

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Astounded Us

First
Church



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WE GATHER

Welcome

Centering Words

L: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

L: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

L: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

L: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

P: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

Open Up The Heavens

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

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.

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

O risen Christ,
On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion.
Be at our side on the journey of faith
on life's pathways and at every encounter,
engender our compassion,
so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.
Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word.
May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it.

May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you.

Grant us the courage to become vulnerable
so that our siblings may know you through us
and that we may know you through them.

Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

Message to Young Disciples

Message

Pastor Kory Pritchett

How Marvelous

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Duane Carlisle

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing the Peace of Christ

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

WE GO FORTH

Benediction

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Go now in the courage and blessing of the Risen Christ to live as bearers of the astounding good news to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs Resurrection. Amen.

Open Up The Heavens

by Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, James McDonald, and Andi Rozier

Verse 1

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus 1

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Verse 2

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Bridge

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
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I Know That My Redeemer Lives

by Jordan Kauflin, Kristyn Getty, Laura Story, Matt Papa, and Matthew...

Verse 1

I know that my Redeemer lives
What hope this sweet assurance gives
That He who gave His life for me
Arose with healing in His wings
He lives the tomb is empty still
Redemption's promise He fulfilled
No condemnation now remains
The stone of death is rolled away

Chorus 1

My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
On heaven's throne and in my very soul
I know that my Redeemer lives

Verse 2

I know that my Redeemer lives
And all my life is bound to His
In realms above He intercedes

Our sinless Savior Perfect Priest
No fear can follow where He guides
His constant presence is my light
No power on earth or heav'n above
Can separate us from His love

Verse 3

I know that my Redeemer lives
In life and death I trust in Him
My soul secure my future safe
He'll not forsake me to the grave
He lives and He will not delay
My eyes will wake to brightest day
And in my flesh I'll see Him stand
When Christ in glory comes again
And every eye will see Him stand
When Christ in glory comes again
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Prayers

Concerns Shared

All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at rkroeschen@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

AWR1 Isaiah Hale

CDR James Beaty

LCDR Alex Turco

Worship Team

Band

Acoustic Guitar:

Kory Pritchett

Bass Guitar:

Becca Pritchett

Drums:

Cade Quinn

Electric Guitar:

Nick Clinkenbeard

Keys:

Ryan Madden

Vocal:

Karen Hull

Amanda Hedden

Audio/Visual

CG Creation:

Kory Pritchett

Livestream:

Riley Schellingerhout

Slides:

Tom Dienhart

Soundboard:

Evora Schellingerhout

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GET INVOLVED

Get out the Popcorn!

Join us for a screening party of a new Hallmark movie, Kentucky Roses, May 2 in our Activity Center. Our very own Casey Schomer plays a supporting role as the head florist at the Kentucky Derby. She has been acting since 6th grade, but this is her first with Hallmark movie. If you can bring a snack or other item to share (not required, but appreciate) sign up via the weekly e-newsletter. Doors open 7:15 PM. Movie starts at 8 PM. If you can't make it, the movie will be broadcast on the Hallmark channel starting that evening at 8 PM.

Get ready to try out for Acorn Players camp

Tryouts for youth summer camp will be held here from 6-8 pm on May 19-20, with callbacks May 21.

The campers will spend June 1-27 on the musical comedy "Stepsisters," a twist on Cinderella. The camp costs each participant \$375.

Donations toward scholarship are appreciated. For more information: <https://www.acorn-players.org>



FUMC is the base of operation for the Acorn Players, which features inclusivity in play selection and casting. They practice in our basement and perform often in our sanctuary.

Step up to support the Food Pantry

FUMC volunteers are needed May 26-27 and Sept. 15-16 to work at the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry. Shifts are 3:15-6:00 PM Tuesdays; 11:30 AM-3:00 P Wednesdays Two volunteers are needed for each time slot. There is also opportunity to substitute volunteer during other months. In February, are volunteers were Terry Wade, Casey Schomer, Carol Starr and Lynn Griffin. Contact: Lynn at 765-743-8087.

Each year, our official months for food collection are March, July and November. However, food items and plastic grocery bags will be accepted at any time. Monetary donations go a long way. Send checks to Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry, 3116 Sullivan St., West Lafayette, IN 47906. Enter FUMC in the notes line.

Needed: FUMC Grass Whisperer, a.k.a. Lawn Mower

Job Summary: We are currently seeking brave and mildly adventurous individuals to join our elite Mowing Crew. This role involves observing, evaluating, and occasionally conquering the ever-growing green expanse during your assigned week.

Apply today! Contact: Rkroeschen@fumc.org