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## Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 11, 2021  
The 2nd Sunday of Easter

### Gathering

#### Welcome and Ministry Announcements

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

#### Opening Song

Celebration Hymnal #34

“He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead  
and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat hymn)

#### Call to Worship

Kathy Stanley

One: The Lord is risen!  
All: He is risen indeed!

One: Peace be with you.  
All: And also with you.  
All: Let us worship God!

#### Gathering Prayer

Lois Morse

#### Call to Confession (from 1 John 1:8-9)

Lois Morse

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Please join me in today’s prayer of confession.

#### Prayer of Confession

Lois Morse

**Holy God, we humbly confess  
that we cannot stand on our own.  
we are prone to wander,  
and we are tempted to sin.**

**But with you, Lord, we are strong  
we can love and laugh  
we can share and bless -  
we can even forgive  
those who have hurt us.**

**Forgive our weakness, Lord,  
and be our hope and strength,  
for when we rely on your help,  
we can always find our way.**

One: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

## **We Are Forgiven!** (from 1 John 2:1-2)

Lois Morse

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He offered his life in love for the sins of the world. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

## **Word**

### **A Time for Children**

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

### **First Scripture Reading**

Acts 1:3

Lois Morse

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

### **Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:13-35

Mike Brodersen, Lois Morse,  
Chuck and Sandra Hedrick

*Narrator:* 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...

*Jesus:* What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?

*Narrator:* They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him...

*Cleopas:* Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?

*Jesus:* What things?

*Cleopas:* 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.

*Companion of Cleopas:* 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.

*Jesus:* 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?

*Narrator:* 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...

*Companion of Cleopas:* Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

*Narrator:* 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...

*Cleopas:* Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?

*Companion of Cleopas:* Yes, me too!

*Narrator:* 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.

**Message**

“He Is Risen Indeed”

Sandra and Chuck Hedrick

### **Affirmation of Faith**

(from 1 Cor. 15:1-6, Mark 16:1-9, Matt. 16:16, Rev. 22:13, John 20:28)

**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised  
on the third day,**

**and that he appeared first  
to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
The Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ if the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## **Prayers and Offering**

### **Prayers of the People/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 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.

## Sending

### Closing Song

Celebration Hymnal #358

“Because He Lives”

God sent his Son - they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Refrain:*

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance;  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives. *Refrain*

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. *Refrain*

### Charge and Blessing

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

One: Let us go from here with eyes wide open to the beauty and wonder of resurrection life.

**All: Amen!**

One: And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

## Announcements

**Sermon Series “Easter Stories”** - Our worship series for the first few Sundays after Easter will take us into the presence of the Risen Lord from the viewpoint of those who met him first!

**Youth Sunday on April 18** - Everyone is warmly invited to be a part of the congregation for Youth Sunday next week!

**Blood Drive April 18** - The Big Red Bus will be at the church on Sunday, April 18, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You are invited to donate blood to help save lives in our community. If you are making an appointment ahead of time, please visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/> and use sponsor code #31712.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.** - All are invited to Bible study on Wednesday night, when we delve more deeply into the following Sunday’s scripture. An email will be sent Wednesday morning with the zoom link.

**Pastor Sandra’s Last Sunday and Celebrating our Graduates** - On Sunday, May 2, the Kirkwood family will recognize our high school graduates and thank Pastor Sandra for her five and a half years of ministry with us. A sign-up sheet is available for those willing to bring a dish or dessert to our delicious potluck luncheon! Weather permitting, we will enjoy our fellowship time outside.

**Presbyterian Women to Meet on May 3** - The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Kirkwood will be held on Monday, May 3, in the church kitchen at 7:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served at 6:30.

**Presbyterian Women Annual Yard Sale June 12** - Just a reminder to clean out those closets for our PW Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 12!

**Financial Giving** – In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common with glad and generous hearts (Acts 2:44-46). You may place your offering (and pledge card) in the offering plate at the back of the church, drop off a check at the office, put it in the mail, or use our online giving portal that can be accessed [here](#).

Thank you to Kathy Stanley and Nan Milleson for leading us in song this morning. Songs credits: “He Is Lord” - Public Domain; “Because He Lives” - Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither © 1971 Hanna Street Music, CCLI License #11509317.



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