



Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, give me the wisdom to discern your guidance and the will to follow you. Grant me a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you by the way I treat others; and a life to live in harmony with the way of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining Dr. Jones on lines printed in **bold**.

Illustrated Ministry has provided the materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children. We hope you will print them and use them for participation in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online! You can find information about this week's offerings at the end of this Order of Worship.

We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the Weekly Word through the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org), liking us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware>), or following us on Instagram (wpcdelaware).

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has passed through the door of death and opened the way to new life.

Because Christ has conquered death, we can truly live.

His presence penetrates our fears and lifts us from despair.

Let us give thanks to God for new beginnings.

HYMN NO. 41

"O Worship the King"

Vs. 1 & 5

**O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power
and God's love:
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.**

**Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
Your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer,
and Friend.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-present God, stir in our hearts a holy expectancy
so that we will be open to hearing your whispers.
May our spirit discern the call of your Spirit,
that in listening for you we might hear you,
that in searching for you we might meet you,
that in meeting you we might follow you. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

“Enduring a Crisis”

Greg Jones

HYMN NO. 236

“The Strife Is O’er”

Vs. 1 & 2

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The strife is o’er,
the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death
have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

HYMN NO. 500

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Vs. 2

**Here share with us, in love divine,
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine
be our immortal food.**

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ’s call is by giving our financial gifts to further God’s mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking “Donate Now” on the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org).

PASSING OF THE PEACE

According to John's Gospel, the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples as they huddled behind locked doors and offered them the gift of peace (John 20:19). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry (<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>) for providing free resources for children of all ages to use during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This Week's Educational Offerings

Sunday School at Home

See the young families email blast for PDF downloadables you can use for a 20 minute Sunday school class geared toward elementary age kids. Check our YouTube channel each Sunday for a new video lesson. You can find our YouTube channel by going to the home page of our website. Click on the box titled *Virtual Christian Education and Small Group Opportunities*, then click on **YouTube**.

Today

Centering Prayer on YouTube with Sudie

Sudie guides us in several centering prayer techniques in this week's adult education video. Visit our YouTube channel and don't forget to subscribe. You can find our YouTube channel by going to the home page of our website. Click on the box titled *Virtual Christian Education and Small Group Opportunities*, then click on **YouTube**.

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. OR Thursdays 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

While Westminster is closed, the "Eat and Exegete" Bible study will move to Westminster's Zoom classroom at the above link! Visit the link at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays OR 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. This is a LIVE Bible study! Contact Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions.

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Online Evening Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Click the link above on Wednesday evenings for a short, informal LIVE prayer service. We will share a liturgy and some open time to pray for ourselves, our community, and the world. Use a laptop or smartphone for optimal experience with this technology.

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Women's Online Community Group

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets virtually using Zoom. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at jgetty@wpc.org and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the link and password.

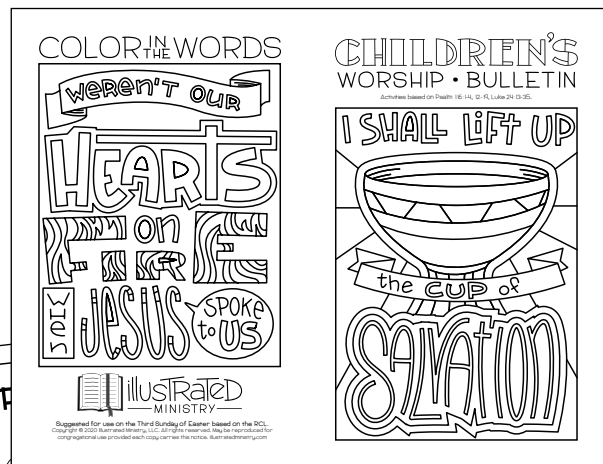
180 Youth Ministry Activities

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High schoolers meet for small group on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (text Molly or Tommy for the link). Our 6 – 12th graders meet at the link above on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. for a quick chat, highs and lows. Email Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions. Follow us for more on Instagram @180youth_wpc.

Join 180 for a Jackbox party on Zoom! You will need one computer or tablet per household to join the Zoom meeting PLUS a smartphone for each player on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 493 720 0361; password: wpc

Faith Formation Resources for the Third Sunday of Easter





Resources provided by Illustrated Ministry, LLC. illustratedministry.com

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RESOURCES FROM ILLUSTRATED MINISTRY

As the world struggles to adjust to life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, necessary disruptions are affecting all aspects of our lives. Schools are closing, places of worship are canceling services, sports seasons are being suspended, and we are all adjusting to this new way of life. Illustrated Ministry hopes that these faith formation resources are meaningful and helpful to you.

We will be sending a weekly email during the COVID-19 pandemic which will include faith formation resources for all ages. We will be following the Revised Common Lectionary, and most of the resources will line up with the appropriate texts for each of the Sundays. If this resource was forwarded to you, and you would like to sign up to receive the weekly email in your inbox, you can sign up at: **illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve**

The weekly resource consists of a variety of resources, including children's worship bulletins, devotionals, and coloring pages. There are a variety of different ways you could use these resources at home:

- As a family, put together an order of worship. You can use this as an interactive piece to the scripture reading and message/sermon.
- Use this as an individual or family devotional to reflect on throughout the week.
- Get a group of friends together, virtually, and color the coloring page and reflect on the scripture passage.
- While you watch your church's virtual worship service, your children can color the coloring page or do the activities in the children's worship bulletin.

We hope you enjoy this resource, and if you have any questions about it, you can always reach us at info@illustratedministry.com. If you want to connect with others and see how they are using our resources, you can also follow us on social media:

Facebook: **fb.com/illustratedmin**
Instagram: **instagram.com/illustratedmin**
Twitter: **twitter.com/illustratedmin**
Pinterest: **pinterest.com/illustratedmin**

Our Facebook Group is a growing community. If you're looking for ideas and suggestions for using this resource, you can request to join here:
fb.com/groups/illustratedmin

Peace,

The Illustrated Ministry Team

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Describe a time when you were expecting something you had high hopes for to happen and suddenly fell through, but then you received a surprise that made what you were hoping for become a reality. *Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.*

Scripture Reading: 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.

Reflection

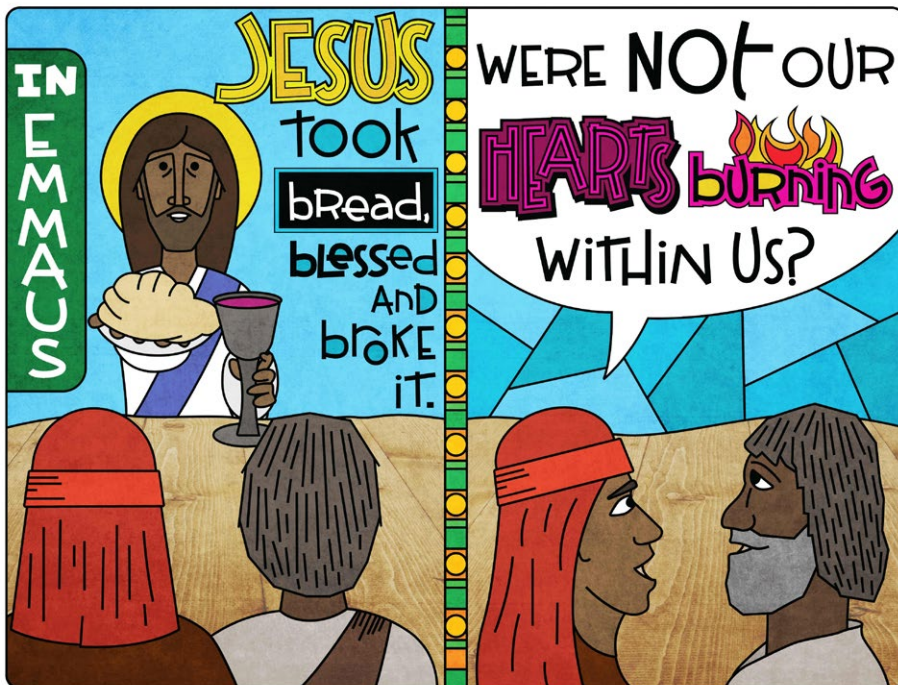
The disciples were sad and confused after Jesus died. As two of the disciples took a walk to a town called Emmaus, they talked about all the things they experienced since their friend's death. Talking about something painful, upsetting, or scary is one way to begin to understand what happened and how you feel about it.

As they walk and talk, Jesus appears and joins them. The story tells us their eyes kept them from recognizing him. Perhaps they were so filled with sadness they weren't able to recognize him. Or maybe after all the suffering Jesus went through, he changed in ways his friends weren't able to identify. Suffering has a way of changing us.

Jesus asks them what they've been talking about. Shocked that there could be a person who didn't know the biggest news of the day, the two tell Jesus what happened. They also shared how Jesus' death shattered their hopes for a new life because Jesus was supposed to be the one who brought freedom to the people. And to make matters even more confusing, they hear that some of the women went to the tomb, found it was empty, and claimed to see angels announcing he's alive!?

As Jesus takes a turn to share, he tells them Jesus' suffering and death is not the end. Remember, they still don't recognize him. This suffering Jesus experienced, that they are experiencing, did, and will continue to create new life. He reminds them that there is a pattern in the stories from scripture - from suffering, new life begins.

Perplexed, a bit in awe, and perhaps even finding comfort with someone who felt familiar, they begged for him to stay for dinner. At the meal, the risen Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. It was an action they knew all too well. As soon as they recognized him, he vanished before their eyes.



No wonder he felt familiar, and it felt like their hearts were burning as Jesus talked with them on the road! As soon as that joy overtook them, they ran back to the rest of the disciples to say all the good work Jesus had done, all the suffering he went through doesn't end here. The risen Jesus has appeared to them, and they must continue to bring God's promise of new life to the world.

As we are in the midst of suffering and grief, much like the disciples were when they were walking down the road to Emmaus, many of our expectations and hopes have been broken or even shattered. Some of us have felt the deep pain from the death of loved ones because of the novel coronavirus. We don't quite know when the end of the COVID-19 pandemic will be in sight. What we do know is that from suffering comes new life and transformation. In our suffering, let us remember that new life appeared to the disciples, and it will appear to us as well.

Discussion Questions

1. What was your favorite part of this story, or what part resonated with you?
2. What signs of new life are you seeing right now?
3. In what ways are you able to help care for the new life that is appearing now?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for this story and for teaching us that through suffering, new life will come. Help us to be gentle with each other in our suffering and show us signs of new life. **Amen.**

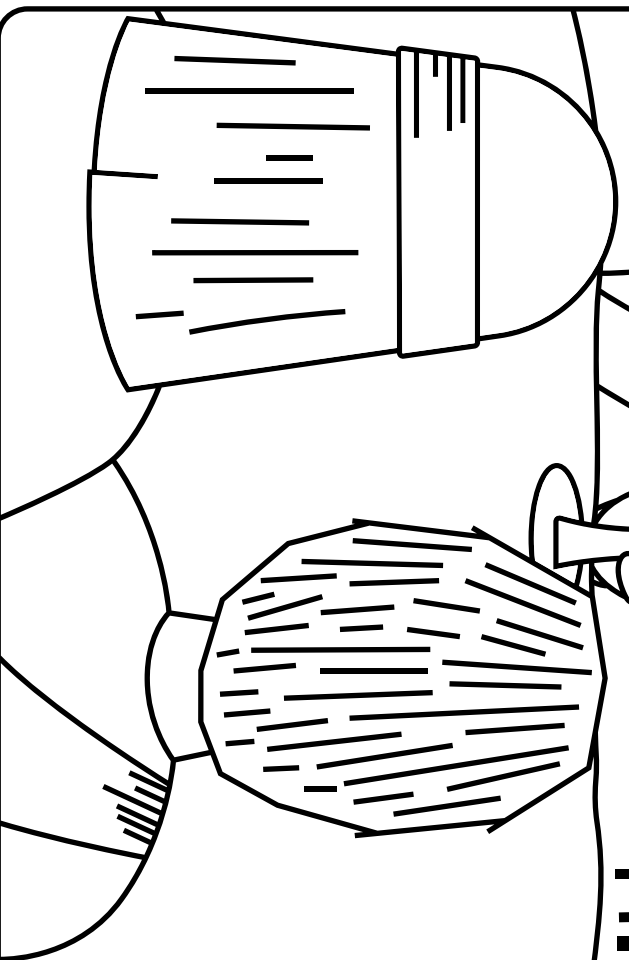
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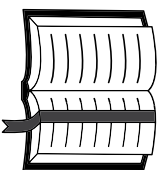
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 16: 14, 12-19, Luke 24: 13-35.

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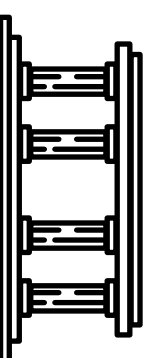
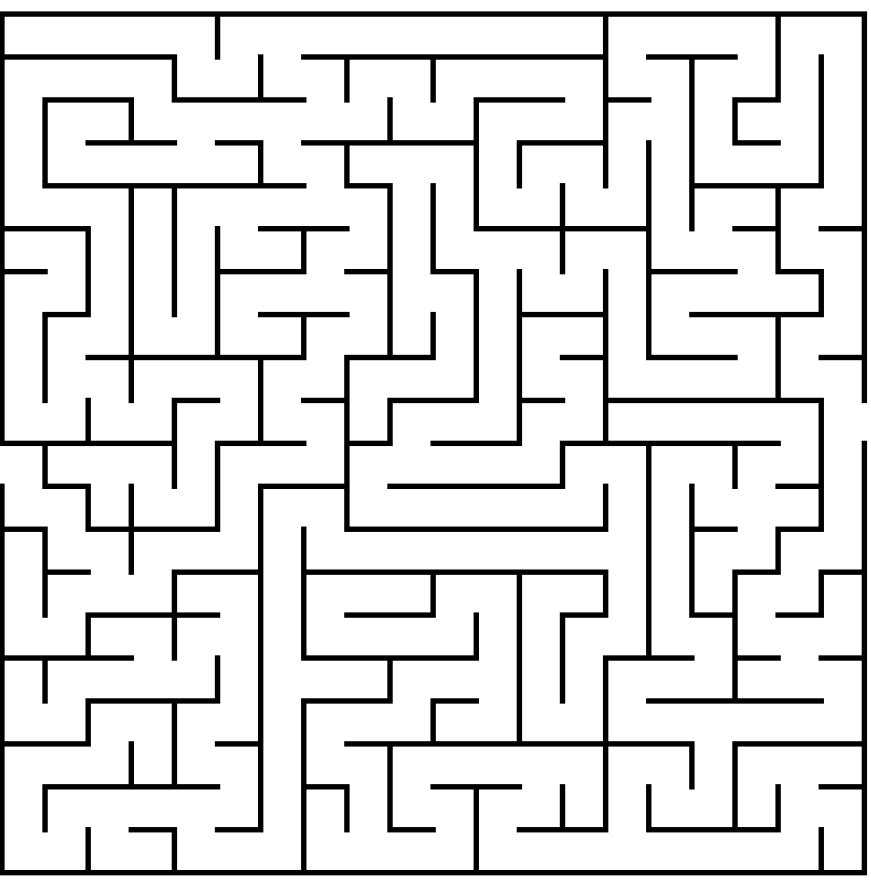
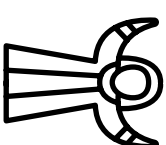


DRAW IT

In Luke 24, Jesus appears to his disciples on the Emmaus Road. The disciples do not recognize Jesus or know that it's him. They still think he is dead. But when Jesus talks with them, something amazing happens in their hearts. They say their hearts felt like they were on "fire," and that they knew it must have been Jesus talking to them. Draw what you would feel like if Jesus appeared to you. What would your heart feel like? Has something like this ever happened to you before?

SOLVE (the) MAZE

The Psalmist says she will keep promises to God in the presence of all God's people. Help her find her way to the Lord's courtyards so she can share this hopeful message.



THINKING OF YOU • COLOR & SHARE

Physical distancing is hard, isn't it? We don't get to see our friends, our grandparents, our extended family. When you miss your friends from school, your church friends, and your work friends, what ways do you let them know you're thinking of them during this challenging COVID-19 time?

One way you can let them know is by using this "Thinking of You" coloring page (adapted from one of our digital greeting cards). Print this sheet and color and cut out the "Thinking of You" coloring page below. Then take a picture of it and text it to a friend, or email it, or share it on social media. Maybe you could send one to a school teacher, or a Sunday School teacher, and let them know you are thinking of them. Or maybe your piano teacher. Or your grandparents, or other significant grown-ups in your life. However you use it, we hope you enjoy bringing some color and hope into someone's day.



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