

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Awake My Heart with Gladness

Robert Hobby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

People: With bright eyes, let us search.

Liturgist: This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

People: With engaged minds, let us ponder.

Liturgist: This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

People: With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

Liturgist: This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

People: With solid devotion, let us follow.

Liturgist: This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

People: With humble intention, let us act.

Liturgist: This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

All: With strong voices, let us sing.

*HYMN

My Hope Is Built

No. 368

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us, we pray, in every part of our journey.**

No matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today, strengthen and encourage us. Through your Holy Spirit, we pray that you will open our eyes. Help us see you as our risen Lord in all your beauty, in all your love and in all your power. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE

He Lives (refrain only)

No. 310

He lives, (He lives) 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) He lives (He lives), salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15 and Colossians 1

No. 888

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come, Let Us Join

Isaac Watts/Joseph M. Martin

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

"The Eyes of My Heart"

Pastor Lisa Flory

*HYMN

On the Day of Resurrection

No. 309

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Christ is risen! He has risen indeed! Really? Two weeks ago we joined the everlasting response, but if we are honest, sometimes we question our beliefs. Like the disciples on their way to Emmaus, we're just not sure we believe the good news. Our eyes are closed, we fail to recognize Jesus, even when we hear the good news. We're sad and dejected, disappointed, hopeless. Forgive us when we fail to listen, to understand what your sacrifice means to us and to the world, and when we don't share the message of the empty tomb with others. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Jesus, Remember Me* (sing twice)

No. 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Offertory Interlude

Robert Elmore

*Congregational Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 298

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 454

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: And now, may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, all fruit that will endure.

All: **To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Fugue in F Major* Craig A. Pennfield

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

2023 Mission Support

International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery, Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Celebration of Faith



The Eyes of My Heart

April 23 , 2023

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

“The Eyes of My Heart”
Luke 24:13-35
Ephesians 1:15-23

How do we respond when our hope is dashed? Where do we turn when all looks bleak and there seems to be no path forward?

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus offer us insight into how God works in our lives to speak to us, and to offer hope.

- God has a plan for us and he provides a way to move forward, even in the darkest of times.
- Sometimes, we are blinded by our sin, or by our wrong beliefs, or by our circumstances, and we are not ready to see God’s activity in our lives.
- When we open our spiritual eyes, the eyes of our hearts, God will meet us where we are, on the road. He will show us what we need- at just the right time.

Open the eyes of your heart to see the hope, the blessings and the spiritual insights that God offers. Recognize God’s activity in the everyday experiences of life. Allow God to walk with you when facing challenges. And remember, God has an amazing plan for you- our God is a God of HOPE!

Calendar for Week of 4/23/2023

SUNDAY

- 8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
- 11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
- 1:00—Private [Café/Gathering Area]
- 4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]
- Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

- 10-12 - Staff Meeting
- 6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]
- 6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]
- 6:30 - Church and Society [Lounge]

TUESDAY

- 7:00 - Learn & Discern [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]
- 7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

- 5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
- 5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

- 6-8 - Clothing Swap set-up [Hall]

SATURDAY

- 9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 9:00 - Private [Sanctuary]
- 1-4 - Clothing swap [Hall]
- | 6:00 - Open Art Night [Hall]

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- Youth Group - see Youth Page in the Announcements
- 5-8 - Lebanon Big Swing Band Concert [WC]