Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning!

PRELUDE  
Voluntary  
John Stanley

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The Christ candle is lit.*

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Thom Shuman

In these moments of isolation and wondering what tomorrow might bring,

**let us lift our voices to God.**

We will call on the One who promises to hear us,

**and better – to listen to our hearts and souls.**

In days of uncertainty, when the future seems unclear,

**in life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.**

We will rejoice in the One who is with us walking with us,

**opening our eyes, touching our heart.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Spirit Of The Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

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**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES  
Luke 24:13-35 *ESV*

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And Jesus said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”

And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”
And he said to them, “What things?”

And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see.”

And Jesus said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. Jesus acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.”

So he went in to stay with them. When Jesus was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how Jesus was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

PRAYER FOR AWARENESS AND INTENTION

When every day seems the same,  
with no one listening to our dreams, our hopes, our fears, and worries,  
you pause, God our Maker, turning your head so that you can read our lips.

When every road seems the same,  
filled with despair's potholes, littered with pain's detritus,  
you come alongside us, God our Lover, pointing out that side road which leads to your bounty.

When every step trips us, when every loss weighs us down,
when every grief breaks our heart,
you come, God our Keeper,
with your book of grace filled with words and pictures to teach us hope.

When everyone ignores us, when everything disappoints us,
you walk with us, you talk with us, you refuse to abandon us,
God in Community, Holy in One, so hear us as we pray as we are taught,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you! And also with you!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Dona Nobis Pacem

A CONTEMPORARY READING

A Walk

My eyes already touch the sunny hill.
going far beyond the road I have begun,
So we are grasped by what we cannot grasp;
it has an inner light, even from a distance-
and changes us, even if we do not reach it,
into something else, which, hardly sensing it,
we already are; a gesture waves us on
answering our own wave...
but what we feel is the wind in our faces.

REFLECTION

Rev Heidi Weatherford
HYMN

I want Jesus to Walk with Me

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

"Somewhere someone"

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone shares with another in need....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone returns good for evil....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone serves another, in love....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone is calm in a storm....

The kingdom of love is coming because:

somewhere someone is loving everybody....

Is that someone you?

Let it be so!

SONG

Put One Foot in Front of the Other

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING

Francis Macnab

By our smallest actions, we become part of a bigger world.

The smallest giving can be an expression
of the good spirit of generosity and caring.

May we carry through the doorway of each new day
this good spirit of generosity and caring.

For what are you thankful today? Where and how can you give back to God?

If you wish to contribute to the ongoing work of McKinley, you can either send us
a check through street mail, use your bank’s bill pay option, or use the PayPal
link on the McKinley Memorial Church website.
DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE    This Little Light of Mine

POSTLUDE    The Holy Christ is Risen    J. S. Bach

Assisting in Today’s Service

Liturgists…..Naomi and Eric Jakobsson, Carol Livingstone
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How to Contact the Church Staff

All church staff can be contacted through the McKinley Website: www.mckinley-church.org.
Reverend Heidi Weatherford can also be contacted via phone and text at 217-766-1900.

McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith
Offering genuine welcome,
Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of hope to a world in pain.

Announcements!

Not too late to help clean caps

Thanks to everyone who picked up caps to sort and clean for our Giving Garden bench. If you would still like to help, stop by the Giving Garden any Monday between 5 and 6 p.m. to pick up a bag. Once you’ve cleaned and sorted your caps, you may drop them back off at this same time. If you have questions or would like caps dropped off at your door, please email Lara Hebert.

Thank you for your contributions
Thank you for remembering your gifts, contributions, and pledges to McKinley. We know that times are tenuous, and your continued support, given when possible, is very much appreciated.

We also know that the PayPal donation link on the church website sometimes gets disconnected. Pastor Heidi has learned that several churches in Champaign experienced broken PayPal links on Sunday morning. If you find that the link to PayPal is not working, kindly let Jennifer Wetzel know (j-wetzel@mckinley-church.org) so she can follow up.

Community

What's Your Story? Covid-19 and the U of I Community

The University of Illinois Archives is inviting the U of I community to share and preserve their stories during the Covid-19 pandemic. This crisis is affecting every part of the U of I community, from building workers to students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Send the University of Illinois Archives a personal reflection to help create a record of this unprecedented time. We invite you to submit written accounts, artwork, or video/audio recordings using this link: https://archives.library.illinois.edu/about-us/initiatives/covid-19/ You are welcome to share the survey at this link as well; the survey will remain open through December, with a possibility of extending the deadline. Participants have the option to submit anonymously.

Questions? Contact Bethany Anderson (bgandrsn@illinois.edu), natural and applied sciences archivist, or Jessica Ballard (ballard9@illinois.edu), archivist for multicultural collections and services. (Jessica also is a McKinley regular and a singer in our choir.)

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