

he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- **Sermon: They Tried To Bury Me...**

- **Hymn # 246**      *Christ is Alive!* - vs. 1, 4 & 5 (found in Glory to God – new purple hymnal)

- **Offering**  
- **Doxology**

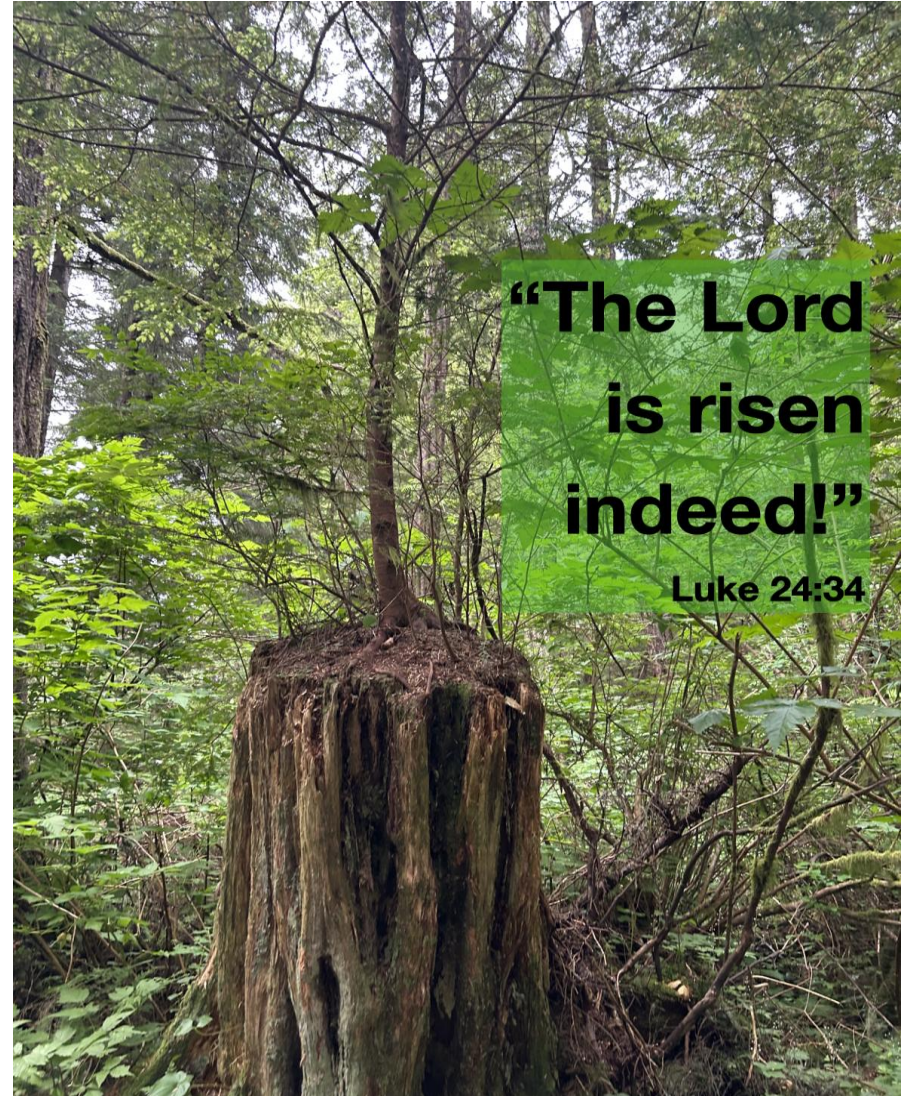


- **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**  
- “How is it with your soul?”

- **Hymn # 238**      *Thine is the Glory* (found in Glory to God – new purple hymnal)

- **Benediction**

- **Postlude**      *Hymn to Joy*      Burkhardt



**WELCOME TO FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church  
Worship April 27, 2025  
Welcome!

- Prelude *La Rejouissance* Handel

- Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations



- Call to Worship Karleen Jackson, Liturgist

Leader: In the midst of your hectic week, you have come to worship God.

**All: Our lives are pulled in so many directions we seek God's guidance.**

Leader: Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.

**All: We thank God for the rest we are given.**

Leader: Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.

**All: Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's love for us, as we join together in song.**

- Hymn # 233 *The Day of Resurrection* (found in Glory to God – new purple hymnal)

- Time of Reconciliation (drawn from 1st John 1:6)

Leader: God is light, and in God is no darkness at all.

**All: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**All: So let us confess our sins to God, knowing that God is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: We pause now for a moment to ask God for forgiveness, and also to prayerfully forgive others.

**Moment of Silent Confession**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ all is forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

- Response: Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end, amen, amen.

- Passing of the peace

- Choir Anthem *Let the Song Go Forth*  
By Pepper Choplin

- Kids' Time

- Welcome New Members: Brad and Mary Reeve

- Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35)

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[f] from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.[g] 18 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?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,[h] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.[i] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 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. 24 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." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah[j] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 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. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us[k] while he was talking to us on the road, while

**Let the Song Go Forth**  
**By Pepper Choplin**

Come, now and worship the Lord in His temple.  
Come, and sing with joy, with the joy of the Lord?  
But how can we sing here inside these walls  
and never go out to share the love, the joy of the Lord.

How can we sing, here inside these walls  
and never go out to share the love, the joy of the Lord?  
(Come, now and worship the Lord in His temple.  
Come, and sing with joy, with the joy of the Lord.)

Let the song go forth, let the melody soar  
as we share the joy of the Lord,  
who is our strength and our song.  
How can we sing here inside these walls  
and never go out to share the love, the joy of the Lord?

Let the song go forth, let the melody soar  
as we share the joy of the Lord,  
who is our strength and our song.  
Let the song go forth, let the melody soar  
as we share the joy of the Lord,  
who is our strength and our song.  
Let the song go forth.  
Let the melody soar 'til all may hear the joy of the Lord.  
Share the joy, share the joy of the Lord.  
Share the joy, share the joy of the Lord.