

Virtual Worship for April 18, 2021

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48)*

Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

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PRELUDE – Konzert for Flute, Oboe and Chamber Orchestra (piano), Domineco Cimarosa

Laura Dangerfield Stevens, flute; Anna Lampidis, oboe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *spired by Luke 24:36-53 (Johanna Harder)*

Rev. Nate Sell

God, You have told us to trust in you with all of our hearts.

You have told us not to lean on our own understanding.

And so we try to trust,

but we get very nervous when we don't understand.

We don't understand what you mean by

"This bread is my body."

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

We don't understand who will betray you

or why

or what that will mean for us.

We don't understand how death is victory.

We don't understand post-resurrection life—yours or ours.

We don't understand why you ask us to stay here,

**And we're afraid we will somehow miss the power
when it comes down from on high.**

Silence

HYMN – May the God of Hope Go With Us, Hymn 765

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:36-49

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

SERMON – *Ta-Dah!*
Rev. Dr. Kate Guthrie

ANTHEM – Intermezzo in A, Opus 118 No. 2, Johannes Brahms
Michael Parker, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*originally written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild*)

BENEDICTION
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