
Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Joyce Perez, Kim Meadows, David Parris and Jackson Weller

Tithes and Offerings

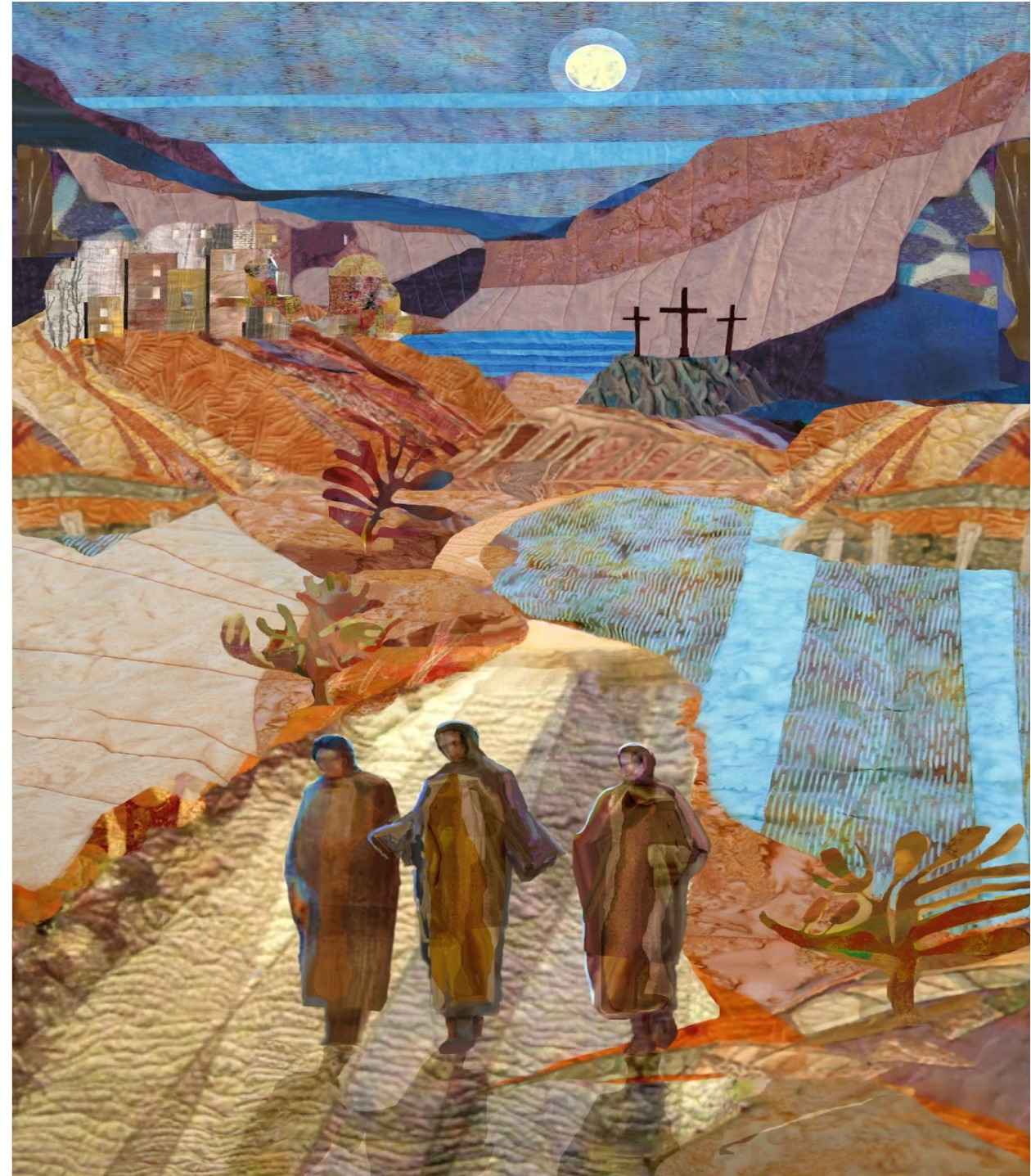
Prayer of Dedication/Offering

God you have made of us an Easter people, ready to tell the news of death's defeat, eager to share our joy and our money, alive with hope, accompanied by glory, on the road with Jesus. Bless our gathering, our gifts, and our going forth. Amen

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.

We welcome Ashley Stanley's leadership in music today and we are grateful for Holbrook Presbyterian sharing her talents with us today.

*The flowers are given in loving memory of Marie Louise Crane
by Maria and Randy Kelley.*



First Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please note: You may sing softly if fully masked and socially distanced.

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

(Congregations Sings Refrain)

A Listening Heart

Bob Hurd

A listening heart give us O Lord

That we may always hear your voice

A listening heart give us O Lord

That we may always follow you

Crossing the Threshold

"The Road to Emmaus"

Prayer of Confession

(Congregation reads bold print)

O Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor trusted in You, our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit, we have not discerned Your presence with us. Through discontentment in our minds and disappointments in our lives, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard Your Word. We have not trusted in Your redeeming power, and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the joy of Christ's victory over death, and ignore the things that belong to our peace. So now in humility we come to You, begging Your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us release from all our sins and restore to us the joy of Your salvation, for Christ's sake, our risen Lord and heavenly advocate. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends on the journey, hear the good news of the gospel:

Jesus is near. Grace is real.

We do not have to be perfect in our actions or our beliefs.

We need only to open our hearts—to mystery, love, presence and joy.

A Time for Young Disciples

Joyce Perez

First Reading

Psalm 116:12-19

Prayers of the People

Anthem

"We Have Seen the Risen Lord"

Stan Pethel

Sermon

"When Things Aren't As They Seem"

Luke 24:13-35

Hymn

Postlude

Benediction

Go now as witnesses of God's eternal presence.

The risen Christ has made himself known to you

in the breaking of bread,

so set your faith and hope on God,

fulfilling your vows and living in genuine mutual love.

And may God hear and respond whenever you call;

may Christ Jesus make himself known to you in all things;

and may the Holy Spirit open your eyes and set your hearts on fire with love.

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