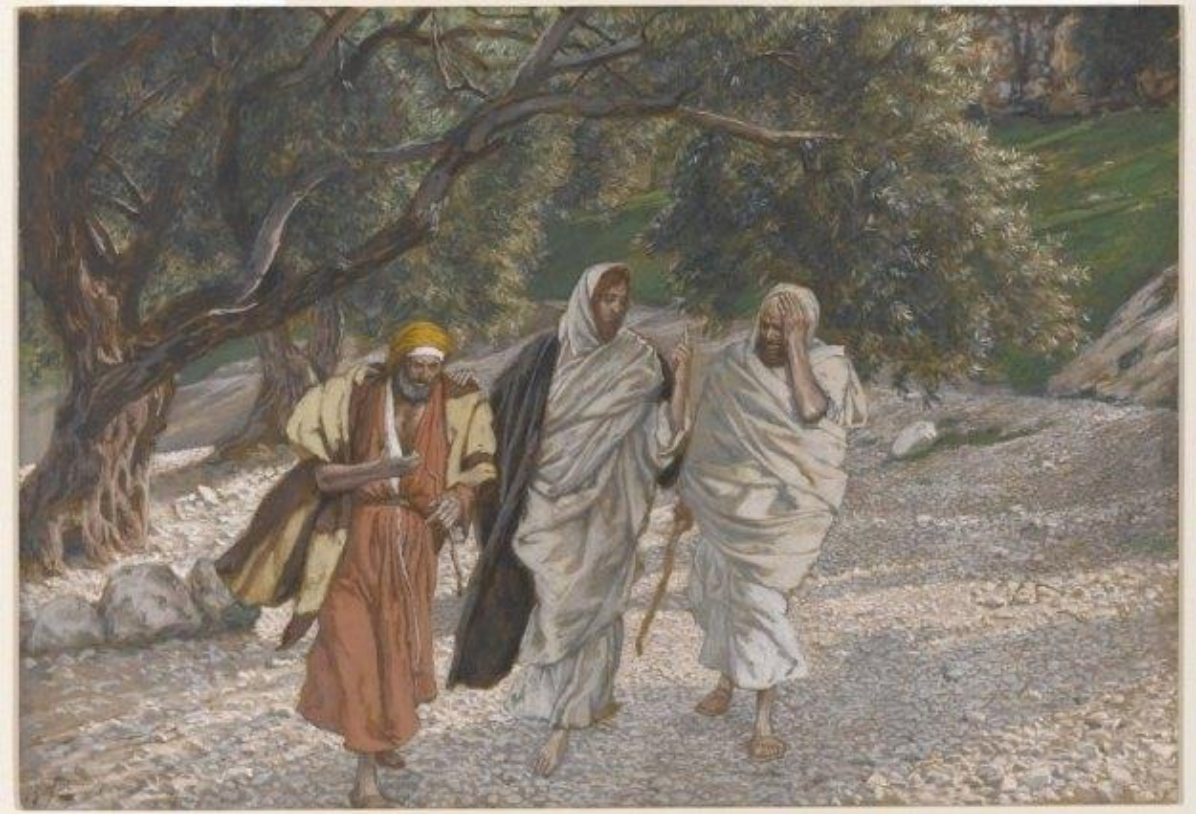


Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



James Tissot, The Pilgrims of Emmaus on the Road (1886-1894)

Worship for April 14, 2024

Worship for the Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Prelude

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"What is both Good and New about the Good News is the mad insistence that Jesus lives on among us not just as another haunting memory but as the outlandish, holy, and invisible power of God working not just through the sacraments but in countless hidden ways to make even slobs like us loving and whole beyond anything we could conceivably pull off by ourselves."

Frederick Buechner
in *Wishful Thinking*

"All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it."
I Corinthians 12:27

"Who is this Christ, who interferes in everything?"
Rainer Maria Rilke
in *The Workman's Letter*

Welcome!

*We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews.
We hope you will join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*

Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the **bold print.*

Call to Worship:

Psalm 40:1-3a

Bill Byrne

I waited patiently for the Lord's help; then God listened to me and heard my cry.

God pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of the deadly quicksand.

God set me safely on a rock and made me secure.

God taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to God.

*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God: we confess we have failed you, spurning the resources of prayer and doubting your power to shape and mold the whole of life. We confess we have failed those we love and who depend upon us, not loving as fully as we can, leaving kind words unsaid, withholding caring actions, doing and saying things that wound. We confess that we have failed ourselves, making feeble use of our gifts, falling short of our goals, failing to allow ourselves to accept forgiveness for our faults and grace to begin anew. God, grant us the peace to part with past failure and the courage to accept the future you offer.

A Time of Silence

Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession-confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.

Collect

Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria #583

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Conversation

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture:

Luke 24:36-48

Bill Byrne

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. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and 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.

***Hymn #254**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Hayes

Offering

Offertory Today’s Offertory is meant to recall an experience of Monday’s solar eclipse in all its silent majesty.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Dedication**

Announcements

Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about 6 inches from your mouth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #233**

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

Please reach out to Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

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Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We pray for children in Yemen who struggle to survive in the midst of war and famine.
- ❖ We pray for the people in Haiti dealing with chaos and violence.
- ❖ We pray for everyone in this country and around the world experiencing antisemitism and Islamophobia.
- ❖ We pray for the Palestinian people who are caught in the vicious conflict between Israel and Hamas and for the Israeli hostages and their families waiting for their release.
- ❖ We pray for the relief workers who are risking their lives to get much needed supplies to the people of Gaza.
- ❖ We pray for the Ukrainian and Russian people who continue to endure conflict and violence.
- ❖ We pray for the medical professionals around the globe tending to the needs of people in war zones.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers in hospitals, urgent care facilities, long-term care facilities and those who provide at-home care.
- ❖ We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers, who provide for those who work our central New York farms.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons.
- ❖ We pray for the PNC.



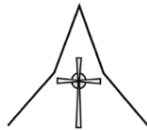
Announcements



Pebble Hill sponsors two blood drives each year. This means we recruit donors, get volunteers to assist with registration and canteen, and offer our space to the Red Cross. Will you help make this drive a success by donating or volunteering?
Our next drive is on May 11, from 8:00 to 1:00. Please call 1-800 Red Cross, download the blood app or visit redcrossblood.org to register to donate. If you can help the day of the drive, please see Maggie Reid.
Thank you for supporting this Pebble Hill mission and spreading the word to anyone who might donate.

The **Annual Congregation Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2024, after the service.

Communion Servers are needed Sunday, May 5. Please sign up in the Lounge or contact the church office.



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The Week at Pebble Hill 4/14-4/20

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium
Monday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:30 pm	PHPC Women’s Dinner – King David’s
	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	3:00 pm	On Point Español – CE#3
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	6:00 pm	Session – Forum
	6:30 pm	Syracuse Chorale – FH
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	ESCG – Lounge
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
Thursday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele Rehearsal – FH
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	1:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
	9:00 am	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	12:30 pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:
CRAIG AND KEVIN COBB – USHERS

REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR
CHARLOTTE HAAS QUIRK – PIANIST
BILL BYRNE – LITURGIST

*This morning's flowers were given by Nancy Stewart in memory of Bill.
Thank you.*

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

