

LAWNDALE

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 19, 2020 | Second Sunday of Eastertide

WORSHIP GUIDE

Preparatory Reflection:

In His resurrection appearances "...[Jesus] never approached from on high, but always in the midst, in the midst of people, in the midst of real life and the questions that real life asks." - Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

Gathering Words: Psalm 34:18

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

People: And saves the crushed in spirit

Prayer of Invocation:

Unison: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen. ¹

Song of Praise: By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace.

Refrain

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

Refrain

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

Refrain

Declaration of Forgiveness: Lamentations 3.22-23

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

People: Amen!

Scripture Reading: Luke 24.13-35

Sermon: An Accompanying Savior

Profession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayer of Intercession

Song of Response: Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

¹ *The Book of Common Prayer* 1979, 224-225.