


WEBSTER GROVES
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 An Open & Affirming Congregation
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April 19, 2026

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Prelude Hear Our Praises CP 41

Opening Prayer Denise Pahl

*Opening Hymn *Gather Us In* CH 284

Children's Moment John Gerdes

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Table Talk **Rev. Breona Hawkins**

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Breona Hawkins

*Hymn of Invitation *Holy Light* CP 171

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Breona Hawkins

Communion Hymn *Here is Bread* CP 161

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer Devoree Crist
 Communion Meditation *Here is Bread*
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts & Commitments Rev. Breona Hawkins
 Prayer over the Offering
 *Doxology

Prayers of the Community Rev. Breona Hawkins
This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Armenia/Middle East, and for those countries under the siege of threats, war, and natural disasters

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Halleluyah! We Sing Your Praises* CP 186

*Benediction Rev. Breona Hawkins

Postlude *Halleluyah! We Sing Your Praises* WOTS

 * = Please stand if you are comfortably able.

CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal AAH=African-Amer. Hymnal

Greeter(s): Craig & Donna Wood
 Musicians: Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director), WGCC Celebration Ringers
 Prayer Composer: Devoree Crist
 Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Sarah Van Norman

Reflecting on Luke 24:13-35

God of the ages, you have been our refuge in the past, your steadfast love is with us today, and we have confidence that you will be with us into the future. We come to give you thanks and to bring our full attention to your presence, leaving the worries of the world behind so we might hear your word and place it in our hearts. Here we find the community that holds us accountable and keeps us on track as we share in a time of prayer and communion, not only with our church family but in unity with all your children, O God. Even as we come tired and weary from our many struggles, bless our attempts to be fully present. Help us to experience the deep joy your great love provides. Bring us rest, calm and peace. Let us be replenished and rejuvenated for the days ahead as we endeavor to do our part to continue Jesus' work in the world. We pray in his holy name, Amen.

Luke 24:13-35

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Walk to Emmaus

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

and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.