



**"Experiencing The Risen Jesus"**  
**3rd Sunday After Easter - April 23, 2023**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

**Guest Preacher**  
**Cyril Hollingsworth**

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Welcome & Announcements Russ Mathis

Welcome from Cyril Hollingsworth

Prelude Jo Murry

\*Call to Worship Russ Mathis

Love the Lord your God,  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,**  
**and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**  
Love your neighbor as yourself,  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,**  
**and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Do this and you will live!  
**Let us worship God!**

\*Opening Prayer Russ Mathis (In Unison)  
**Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Opening Song of Praise #310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Call to Confession Russ Mathis

Prayer of Confession Russ Mathis (In Unison)  
**Lord, we feel like there is so much we could do for you, if only you would do things our way. And so we ignore your claim on our lives and the path of discipleship you hold out. You offer us light, but we too often stumble into the darkness of our own desires. You offer us life, but we seem obsessed by the thought of death. You offer us love, but we find that apathy is more to our liking. Forgive us, O God, and help us to mend our lives. Turn us around and bring us home, that in your loving, living, light-filled presence, we may finally become who you created us to be.**

**(Silent Prayers of Confession)**

Assurance of Pardon Cyril Hollingsworth

Friends, believe and proclaim the wonderful news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Gloria Patri #581

Passing the "Peace of Christ"

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

Prayer for Illumination

Russ Mathis (In Union)

**Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will, discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Reading of the Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Russ Mathis

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.
- <sup>2</sup> **Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”**
- <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,**
- <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,
- <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Russ Mathis

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with

perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Cyril Hollingsworth

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then 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?” <sup>19</sup>He 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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But 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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and 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. <sup>24</sup>Some 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.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But 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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

<sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They 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?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon      “Experiencing the Risen Jesus”      Cyril Hollingsworth

\*Affirmation of Faith  
**We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His Lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

\*Song of Affirmation      #724      “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Prayers of the People & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Stewardship /Offering/ Offertory		Jo Murry
*Doxology		#609
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Closing Song of Commitment	#157	“I Danced In The Morning”
Charge & Benediction		
Postlude		Jo Murry

Assisting in Worship:  
Guest Preacher Cyril Hollingsworth  
Russ Mathis, as Liturgist  
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter  
Jennie & Dana Pierce, Ushers  
Jo Murry, as Piano/Organist

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, 04/23— 3rd Sunday After Easter**

9:45am—Fellowship Sunday School—Parlor

11am—Worship online & in-sanctuary Guest Preacher  
Cyril Hollingsworth

### **Monday, 04/24**

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room

6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society—Steen Hall

### **Tues. 04/25**

10am—Book Club

6pm—50 Plus Group

### **Wednesday. 04/26**

4:30pm—No Bell Choir (will return practice May 3rd)

### **Friday, 04/28**

7pm—AR Country Dance Society

### **Sunday, 04/30— 4th Sunday After Easter**

9:45am—Fellowship Sunday School—Parlor

11am—Worship online & in-sanctuary Guest Pastor

## PRAYER NOTES—

**Recent:** Donna Ellis, Bill & Ginny Jones, Margret Nixon, Judy Peters, Sandy Philbrick

**Continued prayers for:** Patt Bond, Lynn Burton; Pat Clark; Karene Jones; Jesse Macom-Teague; Ann & Jack McCollum; Wendell Phillips; Lavonne Smith

**Continued prayers for friends of the church:** Charles Clark; Darnell Clark; Constance Hughes; Shirley Garlington; Stephanie Phillips (Gail & Wendell Phillips Daughter-In-Law); Elizabeth Pollard; Norma Smith;

**Prayers for those in home confinement:** John Atterbury; Ann Cother; Bunn Falls (Johnson County Health & Rehab, Clarksville); LeMoyne Jones (AR State Veterans Home); Willette Lollar (Presbyterian Village); Steve Pollard (VA Hospital); David Rennie; Ann Woods

**Continued prayers for those in grief:** Family of Connie Canfield (from Gail Phillips); For the Family of Hannah Cox (from Liz Terrell); and for all those experiencing grief and loss.

\*Please contact the church office if you need someone placed on or off of the prayer notes. Thank you.