

suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

**Sermon** "Blindly Walking with the Resurrection"  
Rev. Nici Masters

**Hymn** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH 521

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

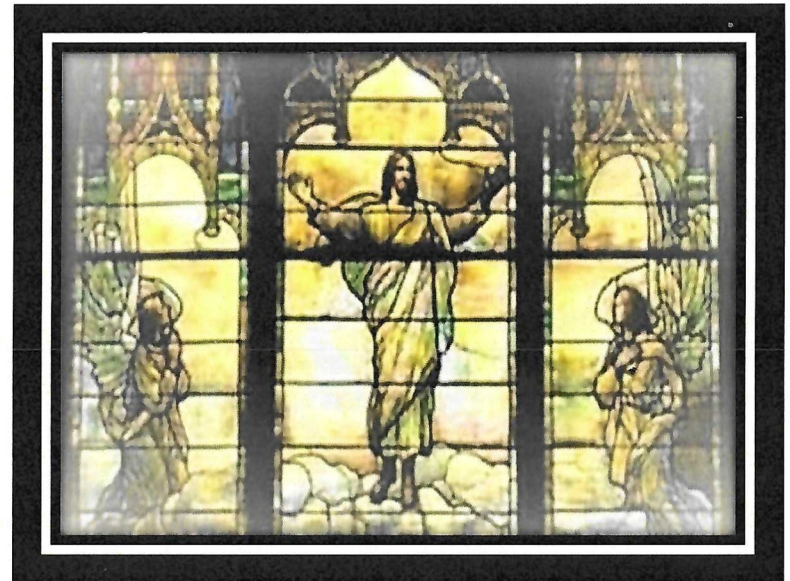
**Offering/Doxology** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"  
arr. Shrader Resounding Joy

**Offertory Prayer**

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn** "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

**Benediction**



## GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 19, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor  
Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle  
Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman  
April Head Usher – Jeff Erdie

### Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen  
Haeden and Kenslie Futton  
Nora Rae Huffman

## Order of Worship

### Announcements

**Prelude**                      “Tranquil Memories”                      Trace Tucker

### \*Call to Worship

L: As you walk with us, as we journey together

**All: Lord, your word fills our hearts!**

L: As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

**All: Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!**

L: As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

**All: may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!**

### Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, you have so much to show us and to tell us – things that no human eyes have seen, things that no human ears have heard, things that you have prepared for those you love. Mighty God, your promises are like shelter in a storm – to us and to our children, to all those far and near, to everyone who hears your call. O, that we might have the mind of Christ, that we may know and understand your truth. We wait as empty vessels, ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water, as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Children’s Chat**                                              Becky Jones

**Hymn**                                              “Open My Eyes”                                              UMH 454

**Scripture Reading**                                              Psalm 116:1-4 & 12-19

1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. 2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. 3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: “Lord, save me!” 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and

call on the name of the Lord. 14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. 16 Truly I am your servant, Lord; I will serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains. 17 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. 18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the Lord – in your midst, Jerusalem.

**Sermon Scripture**                                              Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” 25 He said to them, “How foolish you are and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns  
Jeff Kerns, Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 19 – Taco Sunday  
April 25 – GUMM Breakfast  
April 28 – Finance Committee Meeting

### **APRIL ATTENDANCE**

April 5 – 104  
April 12 – 71  
April 19 –  
April 26 –

If you would like to donate a cake for funeral dinners, Mary Priscilla Women will have a sign-up sheet on the table in the Welcome Room. Please sign the list. If you have any questions, please see any Mary Priscilla member. We appreciate your time and donation. Thank You!

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### **Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection**

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bag  
Items for April – pancake mix/syrup