



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

8:45 a.m. + April 24, 2022 + Second Sunday of Easter

*In the case of Eastertide, what's at stake - the aim we are striving for –
is our physical capacity to be available to truth at a subtle and much more intense level. . . .*

*I believe firmly that during these great fifty days of Easter, [the] same invitation is extended to each one of us:
to catch the drift of what Jesus is really inviting us to and to deepen our capacity to receive the intense spiritual energy available to
us during this sacred season as a catapult to our own transformation - rather than merely sloughing it off in partying and business
as usual. Jesus is headed somewhere amazing during these fifty days, and we can follow right along if we can keep up.*

Cynthia Bourgeault

Welcome

Remembering and Returning to Love

"I Am Here"

***Before creation's dawn, there was darkness filled with Love.
Love that called forth all existence into life.
Love that spoke into the dark, till the darkness blazed with light.
Love that filled all of creation with a song.***

***I am here like a treasure hidden deep within this world.
Every river, every mountain points the Way.
I am here in creation: in the darkness, in the light.
Come and find me, come and know me,
Come and love.***

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-24

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem - the City of Shalom. And they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from knowing him.

And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?"

And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

And he said to them, "What things?"

And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

For Reflection

- When have you experienced a time of confusion, uncertainty, and conflicting messages about God?
- How did that feel? How did you respond?

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24:25-27

*And Jesus said to them,
"O unmindful ones, and slow of heart
to trust all that the prophets have spoken!
Was it not necessary that the Anointed One should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?"*

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he unfolded the inner meaning,
interpreting to them in all the Writings the things concerning himself.*

For Reflection

- When have you experienced scripture in a new way?

Song of Response

"Beyond Belief"

*In the knowing of the heart no words are needed.
As I gaze within myself, I see your face.
In the landscape of my soul you run towards me.
Although now I know in part,
With my body, mind, and heart,
I am opening up to you,
Beyond belief.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:28-35

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent."

So he went in to abide with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him. And he became non-manifest to them.

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn in us while he talked to us on the way, while he opened to us the Writings?"

And they rose up – they "resurrected" – that same hour and returned to Jerusalem – the City of Shalom. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the way, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

For Reflection

Abiding in Silence

Contemplative Prayer is a way to “abide” in God or Christ in a more intentional and conscious way. You can begin by truly abiding or being where you are in your body. Sense your body abiding in the pew. Then, to help you center yourself in God’s presence, you could use a sacred word to help you descend into this silence (such as Beloved, Teacher, Mercy, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit) or a breath prayer, such as “I abide” (*inhale*) “in You” (*exhale*). If a thought, feeling, or sensation tries to take you away from this interior place, don’t “abide” with it – simply and gently let it go by returning to your sacred word or breath prayer. In this way, we seek to “abide” in the Sacred.

Song of Response

“I Walk” - inspired by a Diné (Navajo) prayer

*With beauty behind me I walk.
With beauty before me I walk.
Today as I wander, I journey in goodness.
Seeking out beauty I walk.
With beauty below me I walk.
With beauty above me I walk.
Today as I travel a trail of contentment.
With calm assurance I walk,
That all may be beauty I walk.*

Camino Divina and Holy Communion

“I Am Here”

I Am here. I Am with you. We are One.

Receiving a Good Word

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please register your attendance.
If you are worshipping online, please text the word **center** to (844) 474-0707
If you are worshipping in person, please text the word **chapel** to (844) 474-0707*

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Community Gathering

Today | Postino Town & Country | 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the Town & Country location (791 Town & Country Blvd, Suite 146) for our monthly community gathering. Send Haley your RSVP at hbrown@chapelwood.org.

Taize

May 1 | Chapel | 8:45 a.m.

Our next Taizé worship service is next Sunday in the Chapel. This will launch our new May series on exploring questions of Jesus in the Gospels.

“Singers & Ringers” Concert: Contemplative Choir & Chancel Bells

May 18 | Chapel | 6:00 p.m.

This free, fun, relaxing, 45 minute concert features different styles of music to make you smile and is suitable for all ages. Presented by the Chapelwood Chancel Bells and the Contemplative Service Choral Ensemble, and enjoy yourselves.