



Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist B

23 April 2023

**The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio**

Seeking to know and serve Christ
in loving service to the campus, the
community, and the world.

Today's printed [Order of Worship](#)

Lessons

Lessons for Third Sunday of Easter

New Testament – Acts of the Apostles 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm – 116: 1-3, 10-17 (Sung)

Epistle – I Peter 1: 17-23

Gospel – Luke 24: 13-35



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The Collect

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 for ever. Amen.

The Gospel



Luke 24:13-35

NOW ON THAT SAME DAY two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Gospel Engagement Question:

Why do you think the disciples don't recognize the Risen Jesus?

The Sermon

How to See Resurrection

There is a story about a boy named Teddy Stollard written by Dale Galloway that illustrates how truth is not always something we see with our eyes, but when our hearts are guided by the Risen Christ. If you are familiar with this lovely story, please be patient, as it is a good one to hear again.

Teddy Stollard was the kind of little boy who wasn't popular or liked by his classmates or teachers at school. He slouched in his seat, never raised his hand in class and had a constant expression of boredom or distraction on his face. When called on, he mumbled a one-word response. The clothes he wore didn't fit right, and looked like they hadn't been properly laundered. He badly needed a haircut and smelled like he needed a bath. He was no teacher's favorite student.

However, if his teachers had read his school records, they might have been able to see beyond his appearance and recognize a deeper truth. The summary of his first-grade year read, "Teddy is a good boy and shows promise, but has a poor home situation." His second-grade report said, "Teddy is quiet and withdrawn. His mother is terminally ill." By third grade his report said, "Teddy is falling behind. His mother died this year, his father is uninvolved." And by fourth grade his report sadly said, "Teddy is hopelessly backward. His father has moved away; Teddy is living with an aunt. He is deeply troubled."

The Christmas of his fifth-grade year, Teddy brought a gift for his teacher. Unlike his classmates, however, his gift was wrapped in plain brown paper instead of something festive. His teacher, Miss Thompson, opened each present one at a time as part of the class celebration. When she opened Teddy's gift, she found a rhinestone bracelet with several stones missing, and a bottle of perfume that was almost empty. When the children started to laugh, Miss Thompson did something remarkably loving. She put on the bracelet commenting, "Isn't it beautiful? And this perfume smells so good!"

As the children were leaving, Teddy approached her and said, "I'm glad you liked my gifts, Miss Thompson. All day you smelled like my mother and her bracelet looks good on you." After he left, Miss Thompson wept. She wept with grief for a little boy without a mother or father. She wept for her failure to recognize a fellow human being in pain, and she prayed for

forgiveness. After that, Miss Thompson was different, she was a new teacher. She tutored Teddy and all the children who needed a little extra help. By the end of the year, Teddy had caught up with his classwork and was even ahead of a few of his classmates in some subjects. After he moved on to the next grade and a new academic year, Miss Thompson didn't hear from him until the year she got a note that said, "Dear Miss Thompson, I wanted you to be the first to know I am graduating from high school and am second in my class. Love, Teddy Stollard." Four years later she got another note that said, "Dear Miss Thompson, I wanted you to be the first to know I am graduating first in my class. University has not been easy, but I liked it. Love, Teddy Stollard." Four years after that, Miss Thompson got one last note, it read: "Dear Miss Thompson, I wanted you to be the first to know that as of today I am Theodore J. Stollard, M.D. How about that? I want you to come and sit where my mother would have sat, because you are the nearest thing to family that I've had. Love, Teddy Stollard."

In today's Gospel, two of Jesus' disciples met the Risen Christ in the midst of their grief. This lovely story of the two disciples sharing the pain and confusion of their grief with the Risen Christ, whom they didn't recognize, is not much different from the story of Teddy Stollard in that it reveals the powerful truth of resurrection life. One of the common elements in Biblical encounters with the Risen Jesus is even those closest to him do not recognize him when they first meet him. It isn't until the Risen Jesus does something or says something they can connect with, like when he spoke Mary Magdalene's name or when he broke bread like he did at the Last Supper that they are able to recognize him.

Perhaps this indicates a difference between the historical Jesus and the Risen Christ, who has died, gone through death, and emerged through it to the other side. It is the Risen Christ who can meet us in our pain, sorrow, and grief and help us through it to the other side where we can encounter new life. This new life doesn't negate what was lost, but somehow tenderly transforms it into the love of God that God's Kingdom is made of.

In today's Gospel we saw this happen when the Risen Christ listened to all the events the disciples thought they understood and then tenderly, gently, broke them open to reveal something deeper they hadn't realized, a truth they had missed. A truth they still didn't recognize until the Risen Christ broke bread, and, like it says in the opening prayer or anthem in the Burial Service in *The Book of Common Prayer*, "I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend, and not a stranger." Then the disciples, like Miss Thompson, changed, they became new disciples like she became a new teacher, and returned to the others to proclaim the Lord is risen indeed.

The story of Teddy Stollard may be fictional, but there are so many real stories like it, and it shows that encounters with resurrection life aren't just for the Bible. They can and do happen in our real lives. The Risen Christ can and does continue to meet us in our moments of grief and can receive that grief with love that will guide us to other side. It is a journey that may take

some time, but it is worth it. When we share our grief with the Risen Christ, he can and will take what we think we know and tenderly, gently, break it open to reveal the deeper truth that God's love has been with us the whole time, and is how all of us whether we are teachers, students, professors, musicians, lawyers, doctors, caretakers, artists, maintenance workers, administrators, military professionals, baristas, IT professionals, nurses, entertainers, dentists, therapists, priests, parents, and even children can grow deeper into God's Kingdom come to earth through the resurrection of Christ. Alleluia.



Sermon Engagement Question:

What experiences in your own life resonate with the story of Teddy Stollard?

Third Sunday of Easter, 23 April 2023 – Sermon by Rev. Deborah Woolsey, Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio

Please include in your prayers

IN OUR WORLD, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for all families and law enforcement affected by gun violence. We pray for the victims of the coronavirus. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray for the people who are suffering from war, especially the people of Ukraine, and we pray for all asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees. We pray for Joe our President, Kamala our Vice-President, Mike, our Governor, the Supreme Court and the members of Congress.

IN OUR DIOCESE, we pray for our Provisional Bishop Wayne, the search process for a new bishop, and for Kenneth, Nedi, and Wendell our assisting bishops.

IN OUR PARISH, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, Rev. Leslie Flemming, and Rev. David McCoy, for our ministry to students, the university, and the community.

THOSE WHOM OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Al S., Bud and Carol, Chris L., Jean R., Lia, Miriam, Sharon, R.C., Douglas and Gwynne Campbell, Ann Carswell, Zelma Coleman, Lee Kembell-Cook, Richard DeNune, Norm Fox, Debbie Hunsberger, John Jefferson, Peter Kachenko and family,

Christine McGinn, Jeff Maiden, Rev. Ed Payne, Dan and Nancy Reedy, Virginia Richards, Jack Roach, Katyana Sayers, Annette Secoy, Dale Showman, Michael Vaughn, Tom Walker, and we pray for all who care for them. **

ANNIVERSITY: Keith and Therese Lackey (4/23)

BIRTHDAYS: Nic Proctor (4/24), Adam Sheehan (4/24), Sirlei Martin (4/25), Jenny Spero (4/27), Eli Cottrill (4/28)



** Full names are normally not published online. However for the Sunday 10:30 service we will publish full names unless requested otherwise. If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at **740-593-5098** or grahammowery@aol.com.

At-Home Worship

Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati live streams its services Sundays at 10 a.m. These are saved and can be watched anytime later.

<https://cincinnati.cathedral.com/ccj/ccc/join-online/>

Washington D C -- there's much to explore at the the National Cathedral's online portal. <https://cathedral.org/worship/>

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III

Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Sharing Cabinet)

Sunday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary)

Wednesday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. - - Julie Nehl's Service

Sunday, May 28, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 28, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wednesday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. - - Julie Nehl's Service

Coffee Hour Schedule

April 30 Lynn Graham

Dates Open for Altar Flowers

in May - 8th

in June - 4th, 18, 25th.

[To Altar Flower Procedure](#)

Notes & Announcements (additional items in the Friday Bulletin)

The Sharing Cabinet

In late Fall of 2020, the four teams that prepared and served the hot lunches on Wednesdays, inspired by our creative Rector, came up with an idea to continue to offer food to our community. They found a small cabinet, put it on the front porch and have kept it stocked weekly with non-perishable items. We are not sure who takes the food, but folks who need it do. Often a team fills the cabinet on a Monday and by Saturday the food is gone.



Beginning on the first Sunday in May, with approval from the Vestry at its April meeting, we are asking the parish to help continue to offer this important

ministry. Vestry has budgeted \$1,000 toward the stocking of the cabinet, but, as we are all aware of the soaring prices of everything, this doesn't go very far. To stock the cabinet costs an average of \$70 per week. Our plan is to apply for a diocesan grant to help further fund this ministry. At the same time, we are asking parishioners for contributions, either monetary or in-kind non-perishable items.

Examples of non-perishables are easily opened canned goods, rice, toilet paper, tooth paste, breakfast bars, etc. Unfortunately, beans and lentils often sit for weeks and don't seem to be popular, at least for our guests.

The first Sunday of each month will be designated Sharing Cabinet Sunday. Should you wish to contribute you can do so in one of two ways: (1) using the envelopes in the pews marked "Sharing Cabinet", or (2) bringing any non-perishable items on the first Sunday of the month. We will store those in the pantry in Nehls Hall.

Thank you for your help in continuing this important outreach ministry at Good Shepherd.

The Sharing Cabinet Team

David Burton Sally Spero Lois Wagner Anne Walker



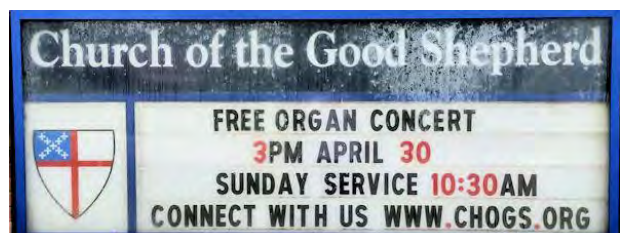
Celebration of the Life of Julia J. Nehls May 24, 11:00 a.m.

After working out multiple different schedules, the date that was found to work the best for Julie Nehl's service is Wednesday, May 24 at 11:00 am.

Details will be forthcoming about the reception and a link to watch the service live online.


[Julia's obituary.](#)

**Please join us on Sunday,
April 30, 3:00 p.m. for
Celebration Concert III.**



Dr. Gregory Crowell will be the guest organist.

This the third in a series of concerts to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the 1952 Aeolian-Skinner organ will feature guest organist Dr. Gregory Crowell, senior affiliate professor of music at Grand Valley State College and director of music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. [\(To More Information\)](#)

 **Deborah Woolsey**
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Delighted to participate in Workers Memorial Service here in Athens



Workers Memorial Friday April 28 at 12 noon

A service honoring the workers in our community those who died on the job will be held Friday, April 28 at noon in the Workers Memorial Mural, 11 N. Court Street. Once again Mother Deborah will be giving the prayer as part of the service.

Everyone is invited to honor this important part of our community. A box lunch is provided.

What is Workers Memorial Day?

Workers Memorial Day is recognized as a national day in countries all over the world including Australia, Argentina, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, the United States, United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Singapore, just to name a few. This day is set aside to remember and honor workers killed in incidents at work or by diseases caused by work. Events are held annually on April 28 that feature unveiling monuments, speeches, and other events that promote raising public awareness.

Those of us in Athens are fortunate to live in a community that participates in this global tradition. Please consider attending if you can.

For Bishop Transition News and Updates

[-- Follow this link --](#)

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war anywhere in the world (including Ukraine) please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church.



The dogwood tree in the Church's north side was in spectacular form this morning. Note the bell tower framed by the flowers. (Photos Michael Leulloff)





Contacts, Information

Quick Links

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Pandemic Notes:

[Link to the DSO guidelines for in-person worship](#)

In light of local conditions, we still recommend wearing masks

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inside the church building
regardless of vaccination
status.

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–
2:00 p.m., Monday through
Thursday. Masks
recommended.

The **Church Building** is not
open for public meetings and
gatherings but during office
hours the thrift shop and chapel
are available for individuals.
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CrossRoads Café is temporarily
closed.

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Check out the
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NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877).

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