

Musical Meditation for April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

Bible Readings (from PCUSA Revised
Common Lectionary Readings)

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

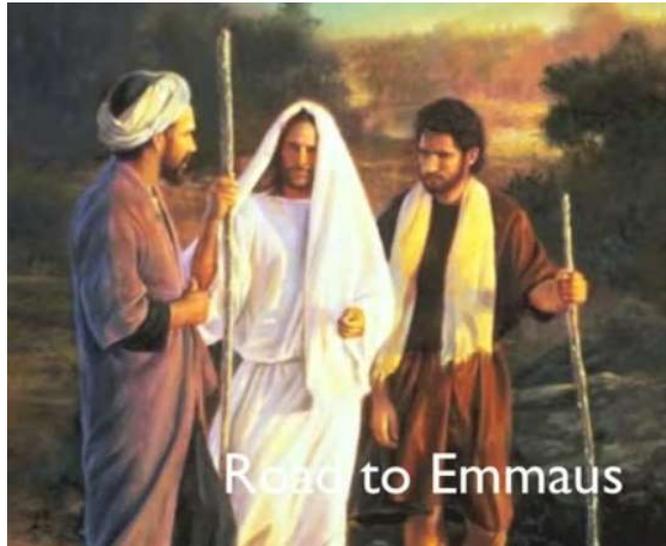
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Music Selection: "The Emmaus Road"

Piano solo composed by Kevin Keil

The recording of this piece complies with the
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Thoughts

The Gospel reading tells of Jesus' appearance to two disciples, joining them as they were traveling to Emmaus. They did not recognize who he was during their walk. The music seems intended to align with the events in the reading. The meditative character of the melody evokes the nature of their conversation as they walk along, with ups and downs, reflecting on the events of the last few days, and also the insights that Jesus offers. The final line of the piece seems to be describing when Jesus breaks bread, the disciples finally recognize him, and he disappears. There are good opportunities for contemplation in this story. How is it that the disciples did not initially recognize Jesus? Was his physical appearance different, or possibly obscured somewhat, as suggested in the picture above? What about his voice? Perhaps you have had the experience of running into someone who is very familiar... but seeing them unexpectedly in a strange situation or context, and not recognizing them or even remembering their name! Until some connection with your previous experience with them occurs and "connects the dots". Like the breaking of the bread in this case. It seems like that was a very significant part of Jesus' message to us!

For our prayers, consider asking for insights on Jesus' presence in our lives. On recognizing unexpected manifestations of his holy presence, and responding accordingly. Let's also continue to pray for recovery of the still-increasing numbers of people worldwide affected by COVID-19, and for families that are impacted by the loss of loved ones, "social distancing", and economic hardships. For medical and service workers who need our support and prayers; they are continuing their labors, at personal risk, to heal the sick and keep our society functioning, ensuring that basic needs for food and shelter are met on a continuing basis. And, finally, we should continue taking our personal concerns to God.