

**John Knox
Presbyterian Church**

**April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday
of Easter**

*Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your
hearts and minds for worship.*

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Arr. Colleen Adent

Words of Welcome

*** Call to Worship**

*When Thomas touched the wounds
and set himself free*

it was Easter day

*When Peter's three "yes's" to Jesus
finished his three denials*

it was Easter day

*When Mary ready to embalm the dead
ran in fear from the empty tomb*

it was Easter day

*When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome
and the breaking of bread with strangers*

it was Easter day

*When the hungry are fed at the table
the same table as the rich*

it is Easter day

*When weapons are beaten to ploughshares
and peace is a word to be shouted*

it is Easter day

*When the stranger is welcomed in community
and the lonely are restored to relationship*

it is Easter day!

Roddy Hamilton

* Hymn

“To God be the Glory”

#634

* Call to Confession

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

* Words of Forgiveness

* Sung Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 13-27 NRSV

Now on that same day two of them 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.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Time with Our Young and Growing Ones

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 28-35 NRSV

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.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Maggie Lewis

*** Hymn**

"Day of Arising"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Irish melody

*** Sung Response**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

#240 vss. 2 & 4

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Response: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*** Sending Song**

"Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope"

#765

English, then Spanish

*** Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

"Indigenous Dance No. 1"

José Rolón

Liturgist: Mary Jo Emmett

Pianist: Melissa Terrall

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

Bulletin image:

Cara B. Hochhalter "*On the Road to Emmaus*" <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/RC=58957>

Commentary by the artist, a UCC minister living in New York:

"Jesus appears incognito in this beautiful post-Easter story. Two of the followers of Jesus were walking along the Emmaus Road. One was named Cleopas and since the other one was not named, I like to imagine that it was his wife. They do not recognize Jesus and he asks them what they are talking about. They proceed to tell him about their hopes for one called Jesus, a

prophet who did amazing works in the name of God... As they approach their village, the two ask the stranger to come into their house as it is getting late. Around the table, the beautiful ritual of Communion is played out as the man takes the bread, blesses it and breaks it to share with them. Incredibly, it was then that their “eyes were opened” and they recognized Jesus—just before he disappears. It is a story filled with mystery and beauty. How would it be to hold open the notion that the Spirit of God’s Love dwells in all human beings—and walks among us even now?”

Church and Community Life

HEARING CHALLENGED? The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

CHRIST JAR OFFERING is received today. Once a month, on the third Sunday, we gather coins (and we’ll take paper money and checks, too!) to support Congregations Helping People, an organization that contributes toward meeting emergency needs of our Salem-Keizer neighbors. If you want to know more about what they do or what you can do to help, please talk with Sheila.

APPOINTMENTS WITH MAGGIE are available any time via Zoom, phone, or in person. She is generally in Keizer on Thursdays (but not always!). Just let her know you’d like to visit and you can make plans that work for both of you.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS’ DAY is May 1. From 11 am – 5 pm, there is a gathering of people from across Oregon at the Oregon State Capitol to stand in solidarity with workers’ rights and demand an end to mass deportations.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YARD CLEANUP OR MAINTENANCE? Contact Pastor Tomás for more information: 503-999-8125

The Many: A Gathering of Resistance & Hope Friday, April 24 7:00 pm Micah Building

We’re excited to welcome The Many to Salem on Friday, April 24 at 7:00 PM in the **Micah Building, 680 State Street**, for an evening of music, reflection, and community. Known for their powerful blend of storytelling, justice-centered lyrics, and deeply moving sound, The Many creates spaces where faith, resistance, and hope meet in honest and meaningful ways.

This isn’t just a concert, it’s a gathering. A chance to listen, to be challenged, to be encouraged, and to be reminded that we’re not alone in the work of building a more just and compassionate world.

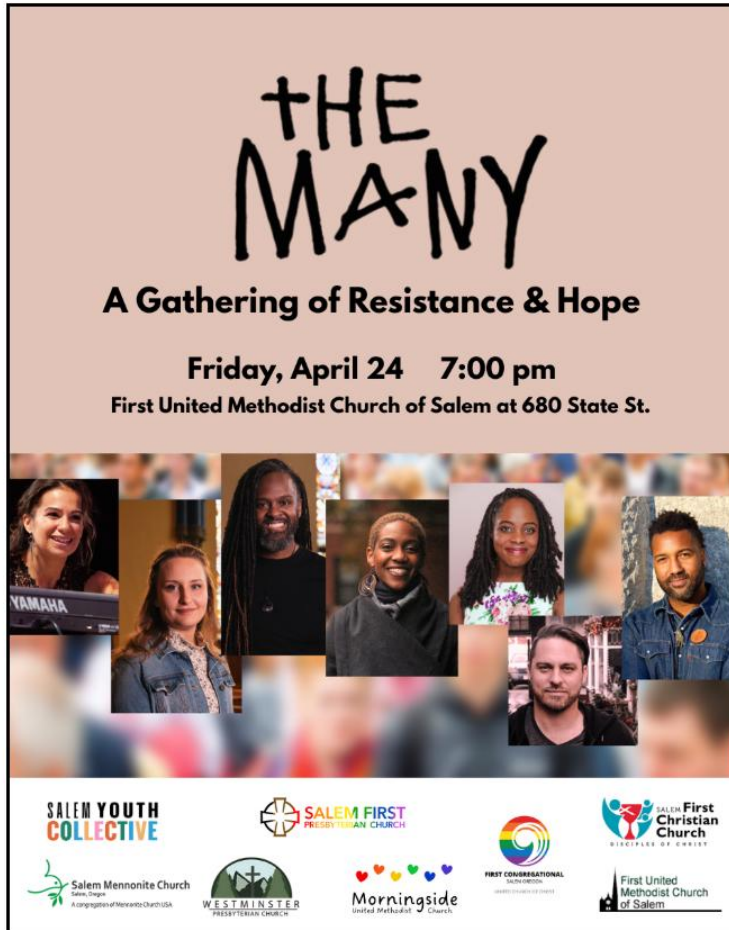
Whether you come for the music, the message, or simply to be in the room, this will be a night rooted in connection and possibility.

We hope you’ll join us.

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**First United Methodist Church of Salem
Morningside United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Salem Mennonite Church**

**Salem First Christian Church
First Congregational (UCC) Salem
Salem First Presbyterian Church
Salem Youth Collective**



Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, The Many makes music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, a Jesus who is with us and for us, and to a Spirit that can't be easily defined or controlled.

It's music for a movement of resistance to hatred and division, for reconciliation and restoration, and music that always reminds us "we are on this earth to love."

Looking Ahead

- April 24 7:00 pm** THE MANY – Micah Building
- April 24-25** Cascades Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian/Vancouver
- April 26 10:30** Worship – Fourth Sunday of Easter
- May 1 11 am – 5 pm** – International Workers’ Day Oregon State Capitol
- May 1 10:30 am** Mission Committee Meeting
- May 3 10:30** Worship – Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion
- May 14-17** KeizerFest (Parade May 16)

April Birthdays

1	Mike L.	17	Caleb R.
6	Carrie H.	18	Mark McK.
6	Pat McK.	21	Eileen S.
9	Melissa T.	26	Ezra R.
11	Judi L.	30	Andrea B.

Salem Community Chorus Concerts

Decades of Broadway

Monday, May 11 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 16 – 3:30 pm @ Oak Park Church of God

Monday, May 18 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

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This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.