



THE MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
8900 Ventnor Avenue
Margate, New Jersey 08402

Second Sunday of Easter

10 O'clock in the Morning April 12, 2026

“Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.~ Floyd W. Tomkins

Please silence cell phones.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Kathy Westhafer

Leader: Sing Alleluia! We share astounding Good News!

People: *We know that God's power has raised Christ from the dead!*

Leader: The disciples gathered in fear after the crucifixion.

People: *But we gather in confidence that Christ is with us.*

Leader: The disciples' fear turned to joy when Christ appeared to them.

People: *We rejoice in the presence of Jesus Christ!*

Leader: Let joy and laughter bubble up with the Good

News: Christ is risen!

People: *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

All: *Let us worship God!*

Hymn: #89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” [vs. 1, 2, 4]

The Prayer (Unison)

Merciful Savior, too often our eyes are as dim as those of the two disciples who walked to Emmaus. You stand in our very midst, but we are unaware and disconnected. We sit with you at the dinner table but look right past you. You speak to us, but our hearing is dull. We read the Scriptures, but we fail to understand. Lord, we want to know you, to see you, to hear your Word to us and to apply it to our lives. Open our

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INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ECUMENICAL
"A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE"
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Founded in 1929, MCC is an interdenominational congregation with membership in the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Through these affiliations our church participates in a seniors residence at 610 N. Fredericksburg Avenue and is a Covenant church with Habitat for Humanity. We are lifetime members of the Holocaust Resource Center, Stockton University.

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor

Rob Tucker, Director of Music

Colin Walker, Pianist

Carmella Marcheski, Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson, Director of Christian Education

Scott Chaffin, Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist

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Our Greeters this week 4/12/26

Effie Russell / Susan Lothian

Deacons' April Communion Offering

Our April Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for
Salvation Army.

Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support
those in need.

† **PRAYER LIST** †

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Pleasantville, NJ 08232

Ken Heck Seashore Gardens / Atlas
22 N Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08205

AT HOME

David McCann **Carl Ekstrom** **Kay Lee**

Prayer Requests

We are happy to include names of hospitalized persons or others with special concerns in the liturgy of prayer each Sunday. If you wish to have a name included, please provide us with a first name, the length of time requested to be on our prayer list, and the name of the person requesting the prayer. Thank you.

hearts and minds, we pray; speak to us through your Spirit so this Word, as it is read and proclaimed, penetrates us with the truth of your resurrection power. Amen.

Time with the Children

Betty Nathanson

The Offering

Anthem: Come to the Table

***The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 2:16-18, Genesis 3:1-7

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

"What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

"Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly

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predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon: Hope is Still Alive Reverend Vicky Ney

***The Hymn: Surely the Presence**

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Truly the spirit of our God is ever near.
In an intimate compassion we may hear:
Vibrant melodies of angel-songs,
Quiet yearning for your cheer.
Tell us, O Spirit, of a sacred atmosphere.*

*Deeply communion's invitation sings of grace!
Everlasting arms uphold us: God's embrace!
There's a bread of life to nourish us;
And a healing wine to trace,
Truly, Christ's presence! What a joyous meeting
place.*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation and Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

**The Prayer after Communion and The Lord's
Prayer ("trespass"/"trespasses")**

***The Hymn: #310 He Lives!**

[vs. 1 & 3]

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude

Colin Walker

New Members Luncheon

If you have joined the church within the last three years, you are welcome to join us for a New Members Luncheon at Pastor Vicky's House
2002 W Riverside Drive
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Sunday April 19, 12:30 pm
Please RSVP at 609-822-5050



~ THIS WEEK AT MCC ~

Hope SNJ

Monday April 13, 4:00 pm Parlor

Charity League

Tuesday April 14, 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir

Wednesday April 15, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesday April 15, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Thursday April 16, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Ladies Lunch Out

Thursday April 16, 12:00 pm Mambo Café

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

New Members Lunch

*Sunday April 19, 1:00 pm Pastor Vicky & Richard's House
2002 W. Riverside Dr., Atlantic City*

PB & J Project

Sunday April 19, 11:00 am after worship in Fellowship Hall

Book Club

Sunday April 19, 11:30 am Library

Hope SNJ

Monday April 20, 4:00 pm Parlor

Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday April 21, 7:00 pm Library

Bell Choir

Wednesday April 22, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesday April 22, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Ladies Night Out

*Thursday April 23, 6:00 pm Kathy Westhafer's House
3 South Oxford Avenue, Ventnor, NJ 08406*

Margate Community Church
Presents

KIDS SPRING PLAY!

April 26 | 11:00 am

A FREE PROGRAM AND EVENT