

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2020

The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am via Facebook Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus,
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,
And gave it to his friends.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Today we gather around table, font, and pulpit –
Hoping, trusting to behold the risen Lord.

May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus in our midst.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, by the power of your Spirit, you are present among us. Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see you in our midst. We do not realize you are walking beside us. We do not notice you in everyday encounters, for we are distracted by our fears and consumed by our own concerns. Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst, so that – seeing you clearly – we might follow you faithfully.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 13-35

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing

the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Lord, hear us,
Lord graciously hear us.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 743

Stay with Us

STAY WITH US

*Stay with us, will night has come;
our praise to you this day be sung.
bless our bread, open our eyes;
Jesus, be our great surprise.*

*Walk with us, the road will bend:
make all our weeping, wailing end.
wipe our tears, forgive our fears;
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.*

*Walk with us, our spirits sigh:
hear when our weary spirits cry,
feel again our loss, our pain;
Jesus, take us to your side.*

*Talk with us, till we behold
a joyful life you will unfold:
heal our eyes to see the prize:
Jesus, take us to the light.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY