



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

Leader: On Easter, the risen Christ came to two disciples traveling on the road to Emmaus.

People: Alleluia! Accompany us again!

Leader: He opened the meaning of the scriptures and set their hearts ablaze.

People: Alleluia! Open and kindle our hearts!

Leader: He was made known in the breaking of the bread.

People: Alleluia! Let us taste and see today!

The Hymn UMH No. 617

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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The Centering Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Stay with me,

Remain here with me

Watch and pray,

Watch and pray.

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Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses,

as we forgive those that trespass against us.

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 Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Grace for Easter Grief

Rev. Drew Willson

The Time for Reflection

The Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation from I Corinthians and Colossians

UMH #888

Leader: This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**People: Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,**

**in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

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The Hymn

Day of Arising

BUNESSAN

1. Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
2. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.
3. "Lo, I am with you," Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
4. Christ our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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The Invitation to Offering

The Prayer After Receiving

The Hymn

Welcome Table

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

1. I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
some of these days
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
some of these days
2. I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
some of these days
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
some of these days
3. I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river
I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river
some of these days
I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river
I'm gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river
some of these days
4. I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
some of these days
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
some of these days

The Benediction

We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults: Rev. Drew Willson
Accompanist: Lee Covington
Video: Rachel Bates

Scriptures ~ Luke 24:13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?” ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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