



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of EASTER*  
April 26, 2020

**Prelude**

*Every Morning is Easter Morning, Martha Main*

**We are Called to Worship**

One: Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?

Many: **We shall praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us, and brings new life out of death.**

One: Dear Ones, how shall we live?

Many: **With the confidence of God's beloved children, with security and joy of God's saving grace.**

One: Friends old and new, what is the promise?

Many: **New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!**

One: Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?

Many: **We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise! We will praise the Lord as long as we live!+**

**Gathering Prayer - Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst. Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us. with us! Dance among us! Pray with us! Shower us with your love! Amen! +**

**Song 1**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee, 504, YouTube*

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**  
**A Time of Prayer**

*You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### **The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

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.

### **Special Music**

*Sunshine and Joy Medley, Martha Main*

### **We Hear God's Word**

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>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?' <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke

it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>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?’ <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Song 2

*Open My Eyes That I May See, 480, YouTube*

## Meditation

*Intentional Table Moments*

## Spiritual Practice of the Week



Try taking some time this week to be intentional about your meal time. Use it as an opportunity to recognize the presence of Christ around you. Lift up with thanksgiving all those who helped get your meal to your table—those who planted and grew your food, those who harvested your food, those who packaged and prepared it, those who stocked it on the shelves, maybe those who loaded it up in your Click List or Instacart order, those who chopped it and cooked it (yes, even if that was you, yourself, give thanks!), and those who are eating it. Savor the flavor and celebrate the nutrition it is providing to you. Remember those who don’t have food on the table or don’t even have a table and hold them in your hearts. Amazing things can happen around the table if only we open our hearts and eyes.

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

### **Offertory**

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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**\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*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.*

*Version 2*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*We Give Thanks** (unison) – **Jesus, God has made you both Sovereign and Christ. Therefore we pray your blessing upon these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will benefit from them. May your victory over**

**death empower all whom you call to trust in God. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.+**

**Song 3**

*Christ Is Alive! 312, YouTube*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** - Friends, rejoice in the victorious life of our Risen Savior! Rejoice in the power of the Spirit! Go, living in the love of Christ! Go, serving in the name of Christ! Let your love of God embrace your children, your family, your enemies, those who are afar off, those who are strangers met on the road. May your lives praise the Lord! Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.+

**Postlude**

*Benediction Medley, Martha Main*

Worship Notes:  
+UCC Worship Ways