



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers bring peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE

It is Well with My Soul
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: *The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.*

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,

People: *we are in need of your company!*

Leader: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power.

People: *Let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.*

MUSIC

Open My Eyes
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Thompson

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without regard to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: God meets us where we are, to turn our lives around. God raised Jesus to assure us of new life.

People: *God calls us into relationships that build up, not destroy.*

Leader: Give thanks for the words and deeds of Jesus, who revealed God's love for us and enlists us as disciples and apostles.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

MUSIC

Hymn Medley
Helen Redding

arr. by Tournquist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 4
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 24:13-35
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SERMON

"The Road to Hope"

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. John White

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**Congregation standing, if able*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MUSIC

Improvisation on SLANE
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Manz

OFFERING

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

*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.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

OLD HUNDREDTH

Rev. John White

SENDING

***CHARGE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Young

