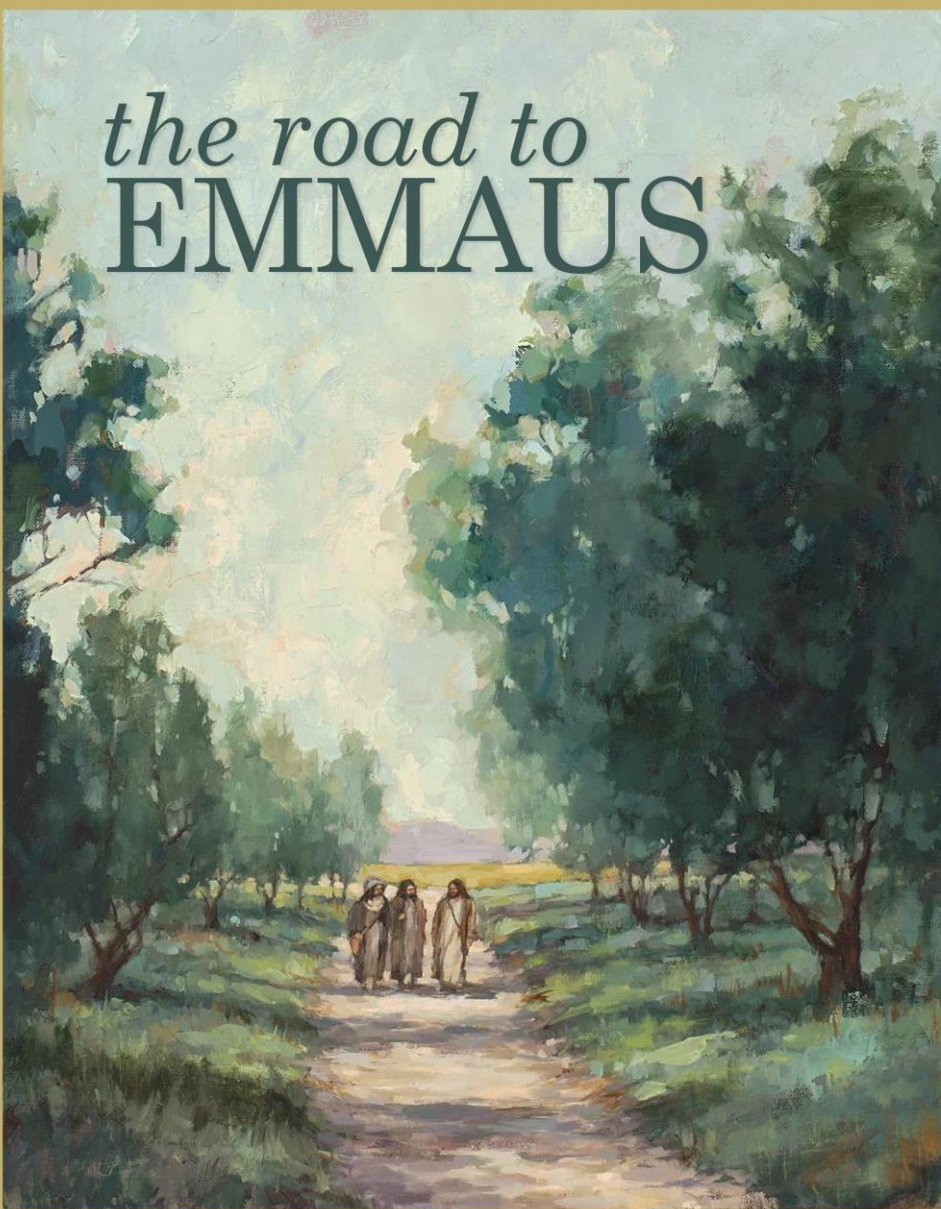


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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** *And also with you.*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**ALL:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Elder Steve Bowers*

### PRELUDE

*Prelude on RATHBUN*

Bingham

Dr. Terry McRoberts

### CHORAL INTROIT

*We Have Come to Worship the Lord*

Yannerella

Chancel Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

One: The Lord hears us when we call:

**ALL:** *Come, let us put our trust in God.*

One: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**ALL:** *Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!*

One: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**ALL:** *Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

*Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *(from 1 John 3:1)*

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

One: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*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. A-men, a-men.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

**THE WORD**

ANTHEM

*Lord of the Dance*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Callie Craig*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

**\*HYMN: 250** *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PROMISE

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** *Luke 24:13-22a (pg. 90)*

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *Acts 1:1-6 (pg. 118)*

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*The Kingdom*

*Elder Steve Bowers*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

***We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

## OFFERING OFFERTORY

***Pavanesque***  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*  
Thiman

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

## SENDING

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: 269** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

**\*CHARGE + BENECTION**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

## CHORAL BENECTION

***Walk in the Light***  
Chancel Choir

Purchase

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

## POSTLUDE

***Toccata on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Kerr