



Road to Emmaus by Wendy Keller

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Holy God, Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us; Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love; and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

### PRELUDE

*Aria*  
Stan Brunner

Leon Nelson

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Chancel Choir

*arr. Joel Raney*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. John White*

One: Open our eyes, Lord.

**ALL:** *Without the gift of your revelation,*

One: our eyes are kept from recognizing you.

**ALL:** *Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in your own way.*

One: So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair,

**ALL:** *that we have seen the risen Lord. Let us worship our Risen Lord!*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 370 *This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

## TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### LITANY OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Gracious God, like the travelers on the road to Emmaus, we had hoped.

**ALL:** *Lord, we voice our despair. We had hoped you were our victory.*

One: We had hoped you were our earthly leader.

**ALL:** *We had hoped you would remove the pain and the sorrow once and for all.*

One: But then we saw suffering.

**ALL:** *Then we saw injustice.*

One: We saw brokenness and blood on the ground. We saw death.

**ALL:** *And doubt swelled in our throats and choked off our praise.*

One: We had hoped.

**ALL:** *Risen Lord, forgive our doubt and revitalize our hope. Open our eyes to see your victory, that we might rejoice and share your presence. Through Christ we pray, amen!*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death!" (Romans 8:1-2)

**ALL:** *Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!*

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*, GtG #240) ALLELUIA NO.1

(Refrain): *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.*

(Refrain)

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

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

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*All Things New*  
Chancel Choir

Hagenberg

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Anna Poole*

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

*Rev. John White*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 29:10-11* (pg. 731)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

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

### NEW TESTAMENT READING *Luke 24:19-24* (pg. 90)

*Rev. John White*

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

### SERMON

*Hope in Crisis*

*Rev. John White*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

***Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised Him from the dead.  
The risen Lord appeared to His followers. They recognized Him as their Master  
who had been crucified. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us,  
touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God.  
Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to Himself in love,  
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord.  
His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life;  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now He is Lord.***

*(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**

***Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice***

Stan Brunner

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Michael Praetorius

\*Doxology (Tune: 607)

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.***

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## SENDING

**\*HYMN: 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)*

PROMISE

**\*CHARGE and BENECTION**

*Rev. John White*

**CHORAL BENECTION**

***Let the Great Amen Resound***

Chancel Choir

Raney

**POSTLUDE**

***I Know That My Redeemer Liveth***

Stan Brunner

James Denton