



COME SEE

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the LORD lay.

Matthew 28:6

April 4, 2021 / 10:00 AM

Resurrection Sunday

The People Gather

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Matthew 28: 5-6

Pastor: The angel said, “Do not be afraid! For I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.”

People: **He is not here, for He has risen just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.**

Pastor: Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

The Book of Common Worship

Glory to You, O God, on this day You won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to You, O Christ, for us and for our salvation You overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to You, O Holy Spirit, You lead us into the truth. Glory to You, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #217 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

(red hymnal / see insert)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect He was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth You made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every work. As it is written, "He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

***Hymn #226 "The Day of Resurrection"** (*red hymnal / see insert*)

We Listen for God's Word

A Moment with the Children and Youth

At Easter time, it is Christ we find.

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the New Testament: Luke 24: 13-35

Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

Together they were discussing everything that had taken place. And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus himself came near and began to walk along with them. But they were prevented from recognizing him. Then he asked them, "What is this dispute that you're having with each other as you are walking?" And they stopped walking and looked discouraged. The one named Cleopas answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked them. So they said to him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. But we were hoping that he was the one who was about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it's the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb, and when they didn't find his body, they came and reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see him." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures. They came near the village where they were going, and he gave the impression that he was going farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over." So he went in to stay

with them. It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?” That very hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together, who said, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then they began to describe what had happened on the road and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon Title: “The Road to Emmaus”
The Scriptures open our eyes to Jesus.

The People Respond

*Hymn #227 “Thine Is the Glory” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Westminster Confession: The Lord’s Supper (1)

Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein He was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of His body and blood, called the Lord’s Supper, to be observed in His church, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing of all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and, to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other, as members of His mystical body.

The Sharing of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Loaf and Cup

The Prayer Upon Leaving the Table (unison)

Loving God, You have given us a share in the one bread and one cup, and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your salvation and joy to the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, giver of life, who sends the dawn and fills us with hope, we come before You, bringing tithes and offerings. We commit ourselves and our gifts to proclaiming the Good News that has been revealed in the Easter miracle. Bless us in all that we do in fulfilling Your will for us and Your world. Amen.

The People Leave to Serve

***Hymn #234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

(red hymnal / see insert)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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