



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Jesus is Risen!

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *Confidence*

Glorious Day

Announcements for Easter Sunday 4/5/2026

Thanks for joining our Worship Service this Resurrection Sunday

- **The Ladies & Mens breakfast was yesterday.** The ladies had to change their venue to Diggers Diner as the Marina Restaurant opened later. All had a great time. We meet on the 1st Saturday of each month. Please plan on coming to the next one to share in some great fellowship.
- **Construction of the Patio Cover** should begin soon. The contractors are working on putting it together, and there have been some delays in securing the County permit.
- **If you have any prayer requests,** please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at: PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

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Adoration: *The Old Rugged Cross*

Selected Scripture reading: Luke 24:13-35

Message: *Face to Face with The Miracle*

Communion

Affirmation: *Thrive*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

***Selected Scripture* Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaus**

And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see." And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

Friday Devotional: John 10:28 "and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

Emmaus Road: Habitation. Luke 24:13-14

- Date: Day of the resurrection.
- From Jerusalem .
- Emmaus.
- The Road.
- The disciples.
 - Walking away from Jerusalem. Moving in the wrong direction.
 - Walking in despair.
 - Weighed the evidence of the last three days. It is over. Dream is dead. Time to go home.
 - Speak to each other: grief, shattered hope.
- We know people who know exactly what this feels like.
- People who had a fire, a sense of God at work in their life.
- Then, a prayer that goes unanswered.
- A sin that crept in and quenched the flame.
- Then they started walking away from Jerusalem.
 - Not dramatic. Just walking.
 - Toward the comfortable, the ordinary, the safe.
- Examine the direction in which you are walking.
 - Spiritual retreat rarely announces itself with drama. Just small steps.
 - Skip a church service. Neglect the Word. Pull back from fellowship.
 - Am I moving toward the presence of God, with His people, toward His mission?
- The disciples were not in sin. They were in grief and confusion.
- But God met them on the road. He met them to turn them around.
- If you know someone on the Emmaus, use companionship before correction.
- Walk with them. Listen. Ask questions. Be the presence of Christ on their road.

Emmaus Road: Expectation. Luke 24:15-24

- Were hoping (past tense). Broken hope. Arrested expectation.
- Irony: asking Jesus if He has heard the news!
- Expectation was correct: Jesus is the Redeemer of Israel.
 - Expectation was incorrect as to how. They did not expect a crucified Messiah.
 - Cross did not fit their theology (what happens when you put God in a box)
 - Their hope died, because they had a vision of Who the Messiah was and what the Messiah was supposed to do.
 - Even the resurrection report had not produced faith.
 - Resurrection does not fit their broken theological framework.
 - They had facts without understanding.
 - Wrong expectations produce wrong interpretations of the work of God.
- I need to audit my expectations of God. If my expectation is for a life that is comfortable, healthy, prosperous and free from loss, when suffering comes, I will not be able to interpret it correctly.

- My cross of suffering is interpreted as a defeat, not as a tool of God to transform me to be more like Jesus. I will be walking a road of confusion and inconsolable sorrow.
- True biblical hope is in the resurrection. I need to recalibrate my expectations by the whole word of God.
- I need to study the scriptures to understand the shape of redemption. I need to include the hard texts, the lament texts, and the texts about suffering and waiting.

Emmaus Road: Agitation. Luke 24:25-27

- Jesus begins with confrontation, but it is deeply loving. Their problem is being “slow of heart to believe.”
- This is a diagnosis of the will, of the affections, of the deep inner disposition toward the Word of God.
- Both the Author and the Subject of the story of the bible is teaching them something that they should have already known.
- Every story, every prophecy, every law, every Psalm, every narrative eventually leads to a story about Jesus Christ.
- The alteration is this: what appears to be a theological disaster – the crucifixion of the Messiah, was in the light of all Scripture, revealed to be a theological necessity. <-Divine must. Not plan B
- I need to submit myself to the full agitation by the Holy Spirit as He uses Scripture to lead me, convict me, comfort me, transform me.
- Am I settling for comfortable verses of milk that tickle my ears or am I desiring the solid food of scripture (Hebrews 5:12-14)?
- Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to use the Word of God to press in against my dullness, my unbelief, my too-small expectations, or am I letting Him to use it to do its surgical work?
- Am I cultivating a Christ-centered reading all of Scripture?

Emmaus Road: Realization. Luke 24:28-31

- Grace: Jesus does not force Himself upon the disciples. Jesus allows them to choose.
- “Stay with us” is an act of faith.
- Grace responds to invitation.
- He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them.
- They recognized (broken bread for thousands on a hillside)
- They saw: Divine restraint is lifted.
- Jesus vanished.
- They are at the table, eyes wide open, hearts ablaze.
- The Lord is risen. The resurrection is real. He is alive.
- The cross is not then. The grave could not hold Him.
- What is the reason that God opened their eyes with the breaking of the bread? The breaking of the bread speaks the language of substitutionary sacrifice.
- I need to cultivate the means of grace through which Jesus Christ reveals Himself.

- The risen Christ is not absent from His church. He is present and He is not silent. He uses the Word, the Lord's Supper, prayer, the fellowship of believers.
- I need to come to the Lord's table prepared, examined, and hungry. I need to use it to more fully realize Who Jesus is and what He has done.
- Like the disciples, I need to invite Christ into my ordinary moments (morning, routines, evenings, conversations, challenges, frustrations).

Emmaus Road: Transformation. Luke 24:32-35

- Earlier, they are walking away from Jerusalem, retreating, weary, sad, out of hope.
- Now running back to Jerusalem at night, burning with news too great to contain.
- They add their testimony to that of Jesus appearing to Simon Peter.
- Transformation (what Jesus does!):
 - From cold hearts to burning hearts.
 - From walking away to running back.
 - From grief-saturated rehearsal of a dead-end story to testimony-filled proclamation.
- When I encounter the risen Christ, I need to move toward witness (not comfort).
- If I have been walking away from God (His Word, His church, His people, His mission), this morning can be the very hour of my return. When God speaks, I need to act.
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H.E.A.R.T.	Jesus walks with the two disappointed disciples.
Habitation (of the heart)	Leaving Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus, walking in despair; shattered hope
Expectation (of the mind)	Messiah would be a political and military deliverer: Redeemer of Israel
Agitation/Alteration (of the situation)	Jesus told them that they were slow of heart to believe and explains Scriptures.
Revelation (of God / God's will)	Jesus blesses and breaks bread with them. They recognize that it is Jesus!
Transformation (of the heart, mind, soul, will, and life)	From cold hearts to burning hearts. From walking away to running back. From grief-saturated rehearsal of a dead-end story to testimony-filled proclamation.

Disciples On the road with Jesus: Conclusion

- The heart of the issue is that it is an issue of the heart.
- Five movements:
 - Habitation.
 - Expectation.
 - Agitation (alteration).
 - Realization.
 - Transformation.
- When the heart is cold, the road leads away from God.
- When the heart is dull, the Scriptures do not penetrate.
- When the heart is burning after the risen Christ has done His transforming work, nothing in this world can keep you from running back to Jerusalem.
- The good news is that the risen Christ specializes in cold hearts. He walked 7 miles to find 2 broken disciples. Jesus entered their conversation uninvited. Jesus opened the Scriptures to their dull understanding. Jesus consented to their urgent invitation. He broke the bread on their table. He set their hearts on fire.
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- Jesus Christ does the same thing today. Right now, Jesus Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, is beside you on whatever road you are on.
- If you are on the road of Emmaus, away from hope, away from faith, away from His people; Jesus is there. Not to condemn, but to walk with you, to open the Scriptures to you, to break bread with you, and to set your heart on fire.
- Will I invite Him to stay?

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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