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April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. We will be studying Jesus in Me. A Bible Study written by Anne Graham Lots. It is about the Holy Spirit and the part He plays in our lives, led by Pastor Cyndi.**
- **The deadline for newsletter articles is April 29th, for inclusion in the May/June edition. Please give Miranda, our church secretary.**

**\*Opening Prayer:**

**Risen Lord, on this third Sunday of Easter, open our eyes to recognize You among us. Renew our hope, steady our hearts, and fill our worship with Your living presence. In Christ's name, Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Grace Greater than Our Sin" 1,2,4 #365**

**Call to Worship:**

L: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

**P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

L: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

**P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

L: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

L: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**P: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

**\*Doxology #95**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Astounding God of the road and the table, You walk with us even when we don't recognize You. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim Your presence in every Emmaus moment. We give because we've seen You—alive, loving, and leading us still. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation: HYMN SING**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

**Gloria Patri #70**

Message: "The Road Where He Meets Us" Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn: "Nothing Between" #373**

Benediction

**\*Sending: "God Be with You"**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You this morning in praise and worship, grateful that You are our God and we are Your people. You walk with us through every moment of our days. You supply our needs, You speak love over us—especially when we struggle to feel loved—and You protect us from harm. At day's end, You fill our hearts with gratitude, because You have carried us through and granted us rest for the new day You have prepared.

Lord Jesus, on the cross, with Your final breath, You prayed for those who did not understand what they were doing. You asked the Father to forgive them. That prayer still covers us today. We move through life making choices, trying to do what seems right, and yet we do not always see the ways we grieve the Spirit. So, we ask You: edify our minds and soften our hearts. Help us recognize what disappoints You and give us the desire to change—to be renewed in our minds and transformed in our living so that our lives bring You joy.

We thank You, Lord, for the love You have shown us. We thank You for the healing You have given, for the mercy and grace that have carried us through this past week. We thank You for the ways we have seen Your hand at work in our lives and in the lives of those we love.

We lift before You those who continue to need healing—those in pain, those waiting for answers, those who need strength and courage to endure. You are the Great Physician. Guide our medical teams with Your wisdom. Lead us to the right people, the right treatments, the right questions. And, Lord, we also believe that You heal with a whisper, with a touch, with a word. So, we ask that Your will be done in us.

We join in lifting Betty to You, as she has not been feeling well, so we ask that You extend Your healing hand upon her and allow her recovery to be quickened. All for Your Glory.

Father, our world remains troubled by the weight of evil and the brokenness of human hearts. We pray for those fighting for the freedom and dignity You intend for all people. Place a hedge of protection around them. Grant them wisdom to make life-preserving decisions in a blink of an eye. And we pray for those whose hearts are hardened or far from You—may Your love break through, transforming greed into generosity, hatred into compassion, and destruction into peace. All for Your glory.

And, Lord, we pray for the community in which You have planted us. There are neighbors who are hurting, who are ashamed to ask for help, who feel unseen. Make Your Church attentive. Help us see the invisible and hear the unspoken. Show us the needs You are calling us to meet in Your name.

All this we pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.