Order of Worship: April 26, 2020 - Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Music by Judy Brist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "Take, Oh Take Me As I Am" Take o, take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be. Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.
- All: Because you inclined your ear to me, therefore I will call on you as long as I live.
- One: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
- All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.
- One: Let us worship God!

HYMN "The Strife Is O'er" Hymn 119

Verse 1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won: The song of triumph has begun Alleluia!

Verse 2 The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed: Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Verse 3 The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead: All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! Verse 4 Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary From death's dread sting Your servants free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We enter your courts with praise, O God; we come into your house with thanksgiving. In Christ you give us the cup of salvation; in Him we receive the bread life. To you indeed our vows are to be made; you shall hear our confession of faith. So be with us now as we gather and be pleased with the homage we bring.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- One: When we fail to recognize the Christ traveling beside us,
- All: O God, forgive us.
- One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in others all around us,
- All: O God, forgive us.
- One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in the world of which we are a part,
- All: O God, forgive us.
- One: When we fail to recognize the Christ in the headlines in the news and events that occur every day,
- All: O God, forgive us.
- One: Open our eyes and our hearts, gracious God, to recognize that you travel among us always, and that you are present in any we would otherwise ignore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: No matter where we find ourselves on life's journey, Jesus comes and travels with us. Jesus offers us forgiveness and new life at every turn of the path. So know, friends, that whenever you turn to God, God welcomes you and forgives you.
- All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN **HYMN** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Played by John Moseng

> Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea: Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; My Spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON "Easter Bread during a Pandemic" Rev. Sandee Kosmo

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

COMMISSION

Go in peace and serve the lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace"

Played by John Moseng

Verse 1

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch; like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

The Lord hath promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Verse 4

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.