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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings, Pastor
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Third Sunday of Easter

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “As the Deer”

Welcome

****Opening Hymn~ “My Hope is Built” - #368 UMH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

Prayer of Illumination: Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Holy Spirit, kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: 2:14, 36-41: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 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?” 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. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all

Mark your Calendar

Announcements? If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.

Ready to Join Zion? Please text 301-997-3328. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.

The Unified Board Meeting is on May 11th at 6 pm via Teams only.

Women’s Day Celebration will be held May 16–17. Brunch and workshop tickets are \$35 and will take place at Lexington Park UMC at 11 a.m. Join us on May 17 for an afternoon of worship. Our workshop leader and Sunday afternoon preacher will be Shari Ponder. For more information, please contact Sis. Likie or Sis. Kim Scriber.

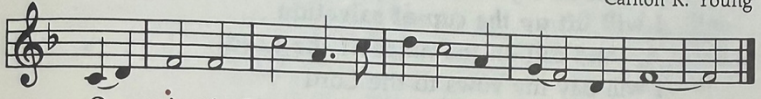
who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 116

RESPONSE 1 (Easter & General) Ps. 116:19b,8
Carlton R. Young



O praise the Lord, who de-liv-ers your soul from death.

- ¹ I love the Lord, who has heard
my voice and my supplications,
² and has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called.
³ **The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**
⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!" **R**
- ¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all my benefits?
¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**
¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord,
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord! R**

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***Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-23: If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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Song of Preparation~ "Total Praise"

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread

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Proclamation~ Lay Minister Kevin Harris

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Announcements

***Benediction~** Lay Minister Kevin Harris