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9:15 AM - April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Open Our Eyes, Lord



D G² G Em⁷/A A⁷
O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

G/D D A/C# Bm D/A GM⁹
Je - sus, to reach out and touch

Em A⁷ G/D D² D
him, and say that we love him.

DM⁷ A/G G Em⁷ A⁷
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

G/D D A Bm⁷ D/A GM⁹
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Em⁷ A⁷ D
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

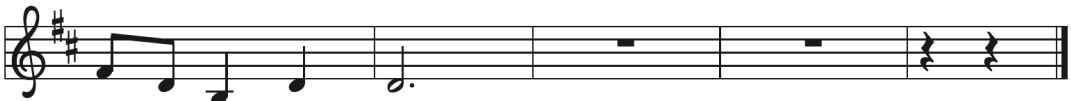
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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I Am the Bread of Life

verses 1, 4 & 5

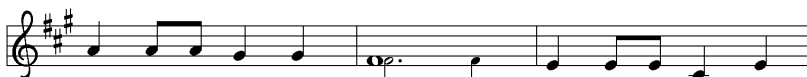
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



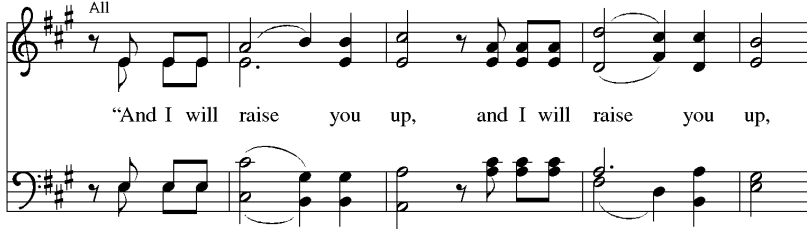
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

PEACE

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Majesty

G Am⁷ G/B 3 C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/D D

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ 3 D⁷ sus D⁷

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am⁷ G/B 3 C G⁶/B Am⁷ Cm/E^b 3

Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

G/D 3 Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G

throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm⁷ B^bdim⁷ Am⁷ 3 D⁷ C/D D⁷ G

So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm⁷ B^bdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B

Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am⁷ D G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:

Am⁷ Cm/E^b G/D Am⁷

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D⁷ C/D D⁷ *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am⁷ Cm/E^b

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

A READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: 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.

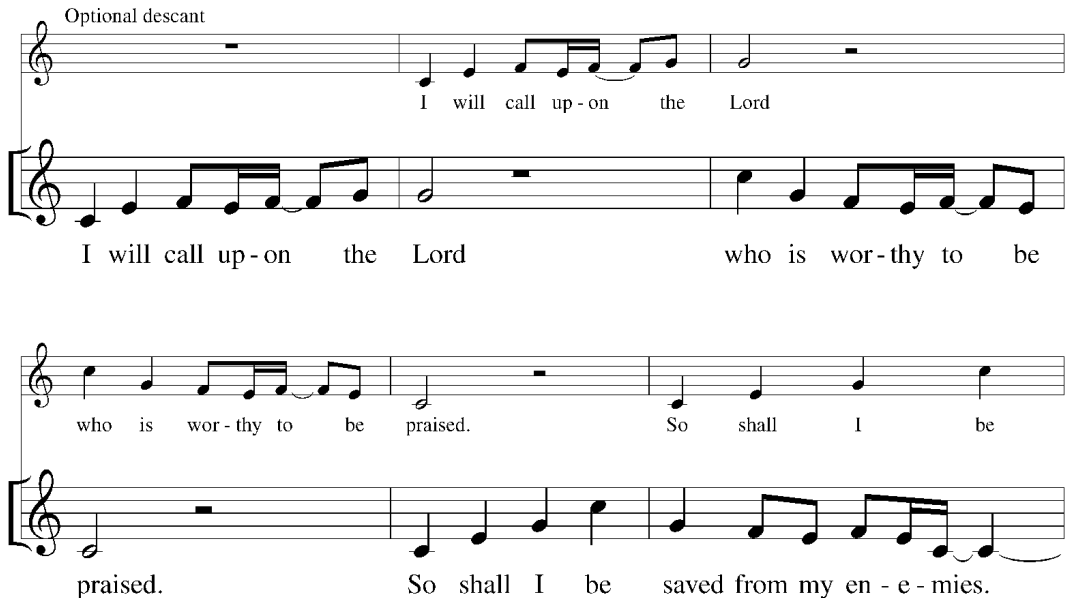
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Optional descant



I will call up-on the Lord

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

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saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up - on the Lord. The
 Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal -
 va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock,
 and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

Day of Arising

When invited, please stand and join the band in singing the following lyrics.

Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

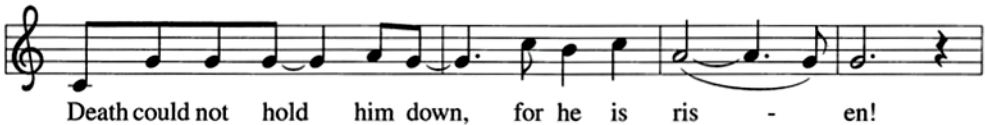
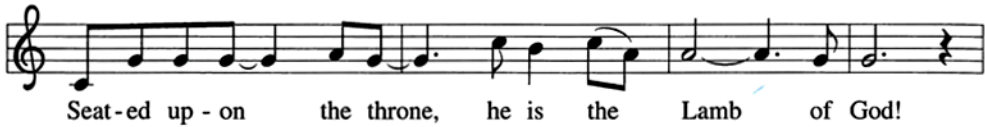
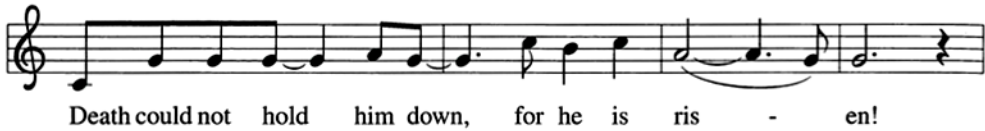
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Blessing, Honor, and Glory



Musical score for the hymn "Blessing, Honor, and Glory". It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!". The second staff contains: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly,". The third staff contains: "righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God."

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BLESSING, HONOR, AND GLORY
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I've Been Redeemed

Chorus 1

I've been redeemed
By the blood of the Lamb
I've been redeemed
By the blood of the Lamb
I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
I'm going to the promised land
All my sins are washed away
I've been redeemed

Verse 1

God sent His Son to die for me
God sent His Son to die for me
God sent His Son to die for me
So I could live eternally
All my sins are washed away
I've been redeemed

Verse 2

Now He's alive He lives in me
Yes He's alive He lives in me
Yes He's alive He lives in me
He saved my soul and set me free
All my sins are washed away
I've been redeemed

Chorus 2

I've been redeemed
(I've been redeemed)
By the blood of the Lamb
(By the blood of the Lamb)
I've been redeemed
By the blood of the Lamb
I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
I'm going to the promised land
All my sins are washed away
I've been redeemed
I've been redeemed

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 16:1-4, 12-19

- ¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
² for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.
³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
¹² How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?
¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.
¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people.
¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.
¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God’s people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ 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.

²² 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. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God

ALIVE! Musicians

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Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Corley Sharpe. Thank you, Momma, for all of the memories!! The word, memory, hits hard. I miss the real stuff. Thanks for the gentle breeze, light displays, and God Winks when I need them. I am glad you are healed, walking the streets of Heaven, and protecting us! Until we meet again! Love you a bushel and a peck!! Kristi

To the glory of God and with love, Jack Sox dedicates today's bulletin covers to one of his greatest blessings, Lilli Sox, and their 29 years of marriage. Happy anniversary Lilli!

Today's processional cross flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of everyone involved in making this year's Lenten Journey so meaningful for our Mt. Tabor Family by Ann Spainhour and Joyce Riley.

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Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Derek Monts, Michael Busbee, Janice West, Larry Davis, John F. Geiger, Jerry Livingston, Susan Stilwell, Hanna Neeley, Lillian Minor, Wills King.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Rachel Bundrick, Rick Moorer, Michael Gayden, Sally Kleber, James Campbell, Earl Macaulay, Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Murray Hoskins

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