

April 19th, 2026

Third Sunday in Easter

Preludes: "Truth I'm Standing On"
"Build Your Kingdom Here"
"Word of God Speak"

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

Opening Prayer:

O risen Christ, On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.

*Hymn "He Lives" UMH #310

Children's Message "Walking With Jesus"

Joys and Concerns/Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 070

The Offertory

**The Doxology"

UMH 095

*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

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

The Scripture Lesson(s): Luke 24:13-35

Message:

Stories That Matter
Week 2
Astounded Us

Music Ministry

"God is in This Story"

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

Benediction and Going Forth:

*"30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"
~Luke 24:30-32~*

**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”**



**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

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