

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

~Gathering the Family of God~

**The Peal of the Church Bell**

**Prelude** *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Stan Pethel

**Welcome**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.  
All: **And also with you.**

**Call to Worship**

One: You break in, O God, on the road you break in, exactly the way we don't believe, you break in, and change everything.  
All: **You break in, O God, with a call. You break in with an invitation. You break in with the truth.**  
One: You break in, O God, with a new realm. You break in with a new world. You break in with your intent for the future.  
All: God, break in again and call us to be your partners. Break in again and use the gifts we have to build your realm. God, break in again and transform our church, our community, and the world once more.

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples proclaim, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #366

**\*Call to Confession**

Trusting in God's love, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**\*Confession of Sin (unison)**

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad service, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of abundant and everlasting life. Amen.**

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Followers of Jesus: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Because of his resurrection, the old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe this good news, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri # 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

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~Hearing God's Word~

**Prayer for 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 Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

**First Reading** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 page 119

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 page 564

One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** 1 Peter 1:17-23 page 232

One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Let the Song Go Round the Earth* Buryl A. Red

**Gospel** Luke 24:13-35 page 90

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *But, We Had Hoped...* Rev. Terry Epling

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.** [The Apostles Creed].

\*Hymn *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* #506

~Responding to God's Word~

**Invitation to Give**

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. *1 Peter 4:10*

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory**

Meditation in A-flat

Gottlieb Muffat

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Amen.*

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**\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.

**Life in Our Church Community**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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.*

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

Go now as those who have met with Christ in the morning of this day.

Go as those whose hearts have burned within them, as the Scriptures were explained.

Go as those who have been touched by resurrection.

And may the blessing of God be upon you, body, mind and spirit, as you leave this place in service to the world. Amen.

**\*Postlude**

*All Glory to God*

G.F. Kaufmann

\*Please stand, if you are able.

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