

**Order of Worship Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 10am**

On the Road to Emmaus

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

Call to Worship (*inspired by Acts 2: 14a, 36-24; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35*)

One: Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?

**People: We shall praise God, who hears our prayers, who draws near to us,
and brings new life out of death.**

One: Dear Ones, how shall we live?

**People: With the confidence of God's beloved children, with security and joy
of God's saving grace.**

One: Friends old and new, what is the promise?

People: New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!

One: Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?

**People: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise! We will
praise the Lord as long as we live!**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst. Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us. Be with us! Dance among us! Pray with us! Shower us with your love as we gather to pray with the words that are written on our hearts...

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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. Amen.

Sung Response

Black Hymnal No. 253, refrain

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Prayer of Confession (*Luke 24:13-35*)

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who

hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God may come to us, unrecognized, as a stranger. The Risen Christ reaches out to us in unexpected ways as we travel our own Emmaus roads. May the Word of our Still speaking God continue to burn in our hearts.

Special Music *The Lone, Wild Bird* Southern folk tune, arr. David N. Johnson
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Prayers of the People

Children's Message & Scripture Reading *Luke 24:13-35*

Message "Take Joy" Rev. Pam Cochrane

Partners in Ministry (*1 Peter 1:22-23*)

The author of 1 Peter implores us to love one another deeply from the heart, and assures us that we have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In our giving today, let us give, not out of obligation, but from the heart. Let our gifts be seeds of the living and enduring word of God, that will sprout in abundance of justice and hope all that is necessary for life, for sisters and brothers here at hand, and around the world.

Special Music *I Am the Lord of the Dance* arr. Joel Raney
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, piano

Benediction

Postlude