



## ***THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER***

April 19, 2026

10:00 am

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.  
Liturgist for today's worship is Betsy Stinson.

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*As the sun set over the village of Emmaus, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his friends.*

**Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

*Today we gather around table, font, and pulpit—hoping, trusting to behold the risen Lord.*

**May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus in our midst.**

**HYMN\***     *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*

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### **PRAYER OF PRAISE\***

## 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 have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of your Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life.**

**[silence]**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT – 1 Peter 1:17-23

Betsy Stinson

*“So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.”*

OFFERING OF MUSIC

*“Sanctuary”*

Adult Choir

GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-35

*“We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel.”*

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

*“We Had Hoped”*

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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**Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

HYMN\* *“Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day”*

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**Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,  
Two travelers walked along the way.  
They’d once had hope, but hope had died  
When you, O Lord, were crucified.**

**When you appeared beside the two,  
They could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain,  
You gave them hope and joy again.**

**For as you spoke to them God's word,  
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done  
And that a new day had begun.**

**They shared their home; you broke the bread.  
They saw you risen from the dead!  
That moment's grace helped them to see  
The gift of God's eternity.**

**In scripture and at table, too,  
O Risen Lord, may we know you.  
And may your presence give us grace  
To share God's love in every place.**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\***

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

**826, Refrain**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

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**FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**