

morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.’ <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>e</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>f</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

One: Come let us rejoice in the stone the builders rejected.  
**All: Christ is our strength and our salvation, there is no other.**  
One: Come let us enter the gates of righteousness, welcomed by Christ.  
**All: In the house of God’s love and justice we encounter life.**  
One: Come let us turn to the One who is our light.  
**All: We give thanks to the One whose steadfast love endures forever.**

**Hymn** *“All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”* **#91**

**Morning Prayer of Approach**

**God of the Risen Christ, you love us so much as to raise Christ from the tomb. In you we find only life and grace. You grant us peace in Christ. You give us forgiveness of sin. You welcome us back – without revenge – when we have been faithless. Bring us your peace and lead us to forgive others. May we believe that Jesus is the Christ! In that belief may we have life in Christ’s name! In his holy name. Amen**

Act of Praise“Doxology”#46

Youth Club Choral Anthem“He Arose”

Children’s Time

ScriptureLuke 24: 13-32

SermonRev. Wendy Schindler-Chasney

Hymn“Thine Is the Glory”#218

Moment of Stewardship“Soil and Water Conservation Week”

Easter Affirmation and Lord’s Prayer  
Becoming church – being bold in faith

One: We proclaim:  
**All: God has not finished with the world.**

One: We believe:  
**All: God loves the world and longs for it to be reborn.**

One: In the good news of resurrection:  
**All: we will work with God.**

One: We proclaim:  
**All: God has not turned a back on the hungry.**

One: We believe:  
**All: God longs for fields of wheat to be shared among us all.**

One: In the good news of resurrection:  
**All: we will share with God.**

One: We proclaim:  
**All: God has not finished with peace.**

One: We believe:  
**All: God longs for peacemakers to rise and make peace once more.**

One: In the good news of resurrection:  
**All: we will be peacemakers with God. Together we pray as the Prince of Peace taught us by saying...Our Father...**

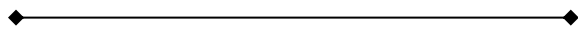
Hymn“In the Garden”#227

**Benediction**  
One: Let your life be a sign of Christ’s life so that others may come to believe that the Lord is risen indeed.  
**All: This is the blessing of the Lord: life forevermore. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Closing Song** “Eight Fold Amen”  
Alleluia (4x)  
Christ is Risen (4x)

Postlude

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Morning Scriptures

**Luke 24: 13-32**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>a</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad.<sup>b</sup> <sup>18</sup>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?’ <sup>19</sup>He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>c</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>d</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this