

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 8, 2018

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE *Dawn and Resurrection* Titcomb

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Diaper Drive* Angela Emrich

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Let Us Sing* Scott

Come, let us sing! And make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise to God. Come, let us sing!

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 24 adapted)

Leader: Do not be foolish, or slow of heart to believe,

People: For the law and the prophets have declared what is known of the Messiah.

Leader: Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things?

People: Yes, the Messiah suffered these things for the salvation of the world, and then entered into His glory.

Leader: Listen again to the Word of the LORD,

People: For in God's living Word we will find our hope and our life. Let us worship the LORD our God!

HYMN #233 *The Day of Resurrection!* (please stand if able)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You have shown Yourself to us, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear. Open the eyes of our heart, that we may see You journeying with us on the road of life. Renew us with the power of resurrection faith that we may fully trust in You(time for us to offer silent prayers of confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

(please stand if able)

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

(please stand if able)

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.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “The Peace of Christ”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

OFFERTORY (9:45)

Portrait of Praise

Butler

I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. But may all who seek Him rejoice and be glad. May those who love thy salvation shout, “Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord!”

I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. I waited patiently for God. He turned to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet on a rock of salvation,

I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. But may all who seek Him rejoice and be glad. May those who love thy salvation shout, “Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord!” I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song. I will sing a song of praise to God, for He has given my heart a new song, new song, a new song.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from the PCUSA Mission Yearbook)*

Gracious and loving God, give us humble hearts so we can recognize the gifts of others and encourage the use of those gifts to proclaim Your good news. Use all that we are and all that we have to this end, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 13-35

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Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"On The Road Again"

Don Lincoln

HYMN #252*Day of Arising**(please stand if able)*

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
Unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
And bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness,
Slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
Ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
When the church gathers, when bread is broken,
There Christ is with us, in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
Set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Hymn to Joy*

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