

We know that the lives of our loved ones, our Asian American/Pacific Island brothers and sisters, are dealing with the reality of increased Anti-Asian violence and attacks. We know this is not the oneness in you that you call us to be. Give us the courage to fully open ourselves to you and to follow you that we become your hands, feet, love, and presence while we walk with you in your world. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE¹

SONG OF PREPARATION

'Create in Me'

No. 519

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

Come and Light a Candle...



PASTORAL PRAYER¹

We will continue to share prayer concerns among the congregation by lifting up the name of a person, or naming a situation, at which point Pastor Jeff will repeat the concern raised. Once Pastor Jeff has repeated the concern the entire congregation will respond with "God in your mercy, hear our prayer". Once we have concluded sharing our prayer concerns Pastor Jeff will begin today's pastoral prayer, followed by the prayer of Jesus.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

'Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether'

Harold Friedellt

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

'My Life Flows On'

Robert Lowry

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

'Majesty'

ALL SING: Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flows from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

***HYMN**

'Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us'

No.231

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

¹Rev. Mei-Shem MacArthur, Sharon Lee. "Easter 3a-April 23." *United Church of Christ*, 18 Apr. 2023, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-3a-april-23-2/>.



For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1. for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 3. for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 4. friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 5. of - fering up on ev - ery shore one pure sa - cri - fice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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222 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Unison

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend;
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984
 MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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Unison

Cre- ate in

me a new heart, so that I'll give you more than part of this, the

life you've giv-en me, cre- ate in me a new heart, then will I

teach, and oth-ers know, and I will learn, my faith will grow. With you I

can cre- ate new dreams, with you I can change less- er schemes, O God, new

WORDS and MUSIC: Gayle Schoepf, 1988

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joy and a new start! Cre-ate in me a new heart.

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F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the

B \flat 7 Dm C Dm C B \flat 7

liv - ing still, one who now is clos - er to us
 of the day, and have told him of the vi - o - lence
 night is near. Dine with us and share your wis - dom,

Am B \flat 7 C F F Dm7

than the thoughts our hearts dis - till, Christ who once up -
 that has swept our hope a - way. He has of - fered
 free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear. In the calm of

B \flat 7 Gm7 B \flat 7 Am7 B \flat 7 Gm7 C

on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,
 words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.
 each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

WORDS: Ralph Wright, 1989, alt. HOLY MANNA
 MUSIC: William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; harm. Charles Anders, 1969, alt. 87.87D

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F Dm C Gm7 Am B \flat 7 C6 C F

died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.