

Covenant Congregational Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship May 7, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Krug
CHORAL INTROIT *Jesus, Stand Among Us* Filitz
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jason O. Mohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,
there, we find Jesus walking.

Where closed wallets are opened,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:
there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

The stone has been rolled away!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is with us!

*HYMN *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* #467

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus,
Guide us on the path toward our destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you.
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;
Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;
and empower us to pass on to others
the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen.**

*HYMN *Abide with Me* #757
(Children K through 3rd grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Bob Buckley
NIV (New Testament page 90)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MEDIATION

Pastor Jason O. Mohn

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Blessed Hope* arr. Foley

*Easter Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Choral Anthem *Taste and See* Nolan and Fair

A Prayer for the Elements

Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

+ *In the center of each bread tray is a small cup filled with gluten free bread* +

*RESPONSE SONG *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #617

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Danish

*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Forrest

*Please stand in praise to God, if able
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Thank you for participating in our worship gathering! We are glad that you are here this morning and pray that this might be a meaningful faith-building experience for you and/or your family. To more deeply connect with this faith community, we invite you to stay following our worship gathering and enjoy a time of refreshments and fellowship in our Fireside Room and Narthex.

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