

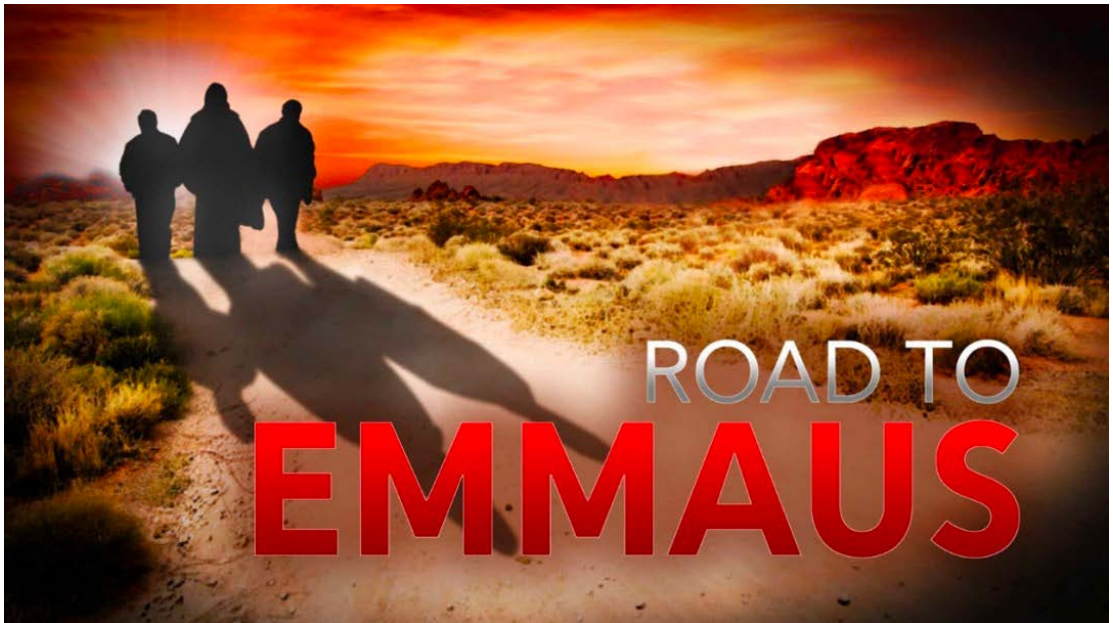
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April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter



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(text in bold read in unison)

Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

Come! Let us worship our God who listens to us

Whatever language we speak!

Come! Let us worship our God who understands us

Whatever story we live and share!

Come! Let us worship our God who loves us

Just as we are!

* OPENING HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 586

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!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Holy One, God of many names, be with us while we walk our Road to
Emmaus. Be with us as we share a simple ordinary meal with you and
one another. Rejoice with us as we recognize you more clearly with**

**each tasty mouthful of food—that you are alive and real in our midst!
May we open our hearts along with our eyes to the resurrected Jesus
during this hour of worship and beyond, that we may become your
Easter People of today, embracing all colors, nations, and races.
AMEN.**

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

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.

HYMN: "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" # 231

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill,
Christ who once upon a hilltop raised against the power of sin,
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!

We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day,
and have told him of the violence that has swept our hope away.
He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light.
Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?

Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from every fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

SERMON: "Encountering Jesus"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Two Were Bound for Emmaus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Your 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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology #46 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

God of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, along with these offerings we bring our hope that you continue to open our eyes to Jesus just as you did for the travelers on the road to Emmaus. Help us to see all of creation—the world and all who live in it—through your eyes. Help us to see and act, listen and pray, feel and respond to your larger vision of what can be. Help us to grow in you. May our eyes be Easter eyes to recognize Jesus wherever we are, whoever we are, whoever we are with. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” # 560 1-3

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TOUR THE HOLY LAND FINAL EPISODE

Tour of the Holy Land (on video) continues after church on **Sunday April 23**. We will view the third episode of "Walking the Bible" a PBS series by Bruce Feiler, which focuses on Joseph, the Egyptian Captivity, and the Exodus.

The video lasts about 45 minutes and snacks will be provided.

LOGOS SCHEDULE

LOGOS plans to meet on Wednesday, April 26 and May 3 and 10. We gather from 5:30-7:00pm and would love for members of the congregation to join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School the week of July 10.

At **Hero Hotline VBS**, your kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! With singing, dancing, games, skits, snacks and crafts, it's going to be a great time!

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on Sunday April 30 to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman, and we will share a potluck lunch. Consider joining Book Club. We always have a good time, and reading the book is not required to attend the meetings and discussion.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April Schillinger	1
Ben Kotthoff	3
Steve Werner	4
Gwen Swanson	8
Judy Parkinson	10
Stan Parkinson	10
Karen Walker	15
Al Bowles	23
Steve Hladnick	24
Eloise Schamburg	25
Lucy Vogt	27
Kate Hausman	28
Mary Darr	28

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7 9:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	8 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	11	12	13 MPR Rental
14 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	22 4:45 ECC Board Mtg	23	24	25	26	27



**Our
Vision
Statement**

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,
Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,
Eyes to see the needs of others,
Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



Ken Behnn
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