

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?" "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. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

# WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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*THEN THEIR EYES  
WERE OPENED*





*Good morning and  
welcome to  
Zion's Reformed  
Church!*

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison will be leading worship today. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Wink Weikal, Warren and Agness Weikal and Howard and Dorothy Ruffing, by Nancy Weikal.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in loving memory of Amy Knapp, by Diane Stoyer.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Vanessa Saylor and Debbie Woodworth.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

**Large Print Bulletins** and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

The Chosen continues this Wednesday with snacks at 5:30 and the movie at 6:00 in the chapel. Everyone welcome!

The Good Shepherd Center request for April is canned vegetables and cereal

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music “Open Our Eyes, Lord” Don Wyrzten

\*Doxology No. 780

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Lord Jesus, as you fed 5,000 from the gifts of a young boy, we pray that you will transform our gifts to physically and spiritually feed hungry people through ministry and mission of this congregation and the greater church we know as the United Church of Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 490 “I Want Jesus to Go with Me”

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Choir

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE “Christ Arose!” Robert Lowry/Teresa Wilhelmi

**ZION’S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison**

**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

April 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jodie Enterline, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Emily Rinella, Acolyte

*~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~*

PRELUDE “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. by Don Wyrzten

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship and praise the Life-Giving God.

**People: Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Leader: We know and we believe the seen and unseen Christ walks with us.

**People: We open our hearts to Christ’s presence in our lives. Alleluia! Come, Beloved, and feed us with your grace.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 386 “The Church’s One Foundation”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God of life, we long for you.

**People: Bread of life, we hunger for you.**

Leader: Breath of Life, we open ourselves to you.

**People: We open our hearts as we confess our sins.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, when we remember the journey of our faith, we recall all the ways we have missed the mark. We fail to listen to and believe the stories of our neighbors. We ignore how we contribute to the hardships of others, near and far. We have valued independence over interdependence and connection. In so many ways, big and small, our lives have not demonstrated our testimony of new life in Christ. Forgive us, we pray, that we, your Easter people, may testify the Good News with our voices and our lives. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news, we have been set free through the resurrected Christ.

**People: We are free to live our stories of exuberant praise for God who saves through radical love for God and for one another.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Indeed, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~*

**WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Bread"**

**CHOIR ANTHEM We Sang our Glad Hosannas" John D. Horman**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 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.**

**\*HYMN NO. 252 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

**SCRIPTURES**

History of the Early Church Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (bulletin page 7)

Gospel Luke 24:13-35 (back of bulletin)

**SERMON "At The Table Together"**

**UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify. He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image, and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself. He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.**