

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-32

One: 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.

All: **While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.**

One: And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

All: **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?"**

One: He asked them, "What things?"

All: **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."**

One: 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.

All: **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."**

One: 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.

All: **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?"**

* Hymn *Stay With Us* The Faith We Sing #2199; v. 1 – soloist, v. 2-5 - congregation

Sermon *Meeting Jesus on the Road* Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Give Me Jesus* African American spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan
Riley Hinnenkamp, baritone

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UM Hymnal #327

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Chaconne in G minor* Louis Couperin
Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*

Announcements

*Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

Guests: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Each spring we like to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. If you or a family member are graduating (high school and beyond), please be sure that Pastor Cynthia or the church office has your name, school and degree information.

The new photo directories are here! Stop at the table in the Atrium; there are reserved copies for everyone who had a photo taken or submitted a photo. Other copies are available while supplies last.

The Sustainability Team will meet after church this morning in the library.

*Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **April 23**, Jana Picotte will share her faith journey. On **April 30**, Alex Flinner will talk about technology and sustainability.*

*Riley Hinnenkamp will present his Junior Voice Recital on **Tuesday, April 18** at 7:30pm at Webb Recital Hall in the Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center on the UWS campus (1100 Belknap and Catlin Ave. in Superior). Riley will be singing music by Beethoven, Schumann, Thomas, Fauré, Debussy, and Quilter.*

*Shelley Grushkin leads "An Early Music Concert" at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 W. 4th St., Duluth) at 3:00pm on **Sunday, April 30**. He will be joined by singers from LOON COR, Lyric Opera of the North's new professional ensemble; instrumentalists from the DSSO; and organists Velda Graham Bell, Karen Hanson Sande, and Charles Sundquist. Repertoire includes a Jacobean-era masque, a recorder concerto by Anton Heberle and Renaissance organ pieces played on the Felgemaker pipe organ. The concert is free with a suggested \$20 donation.*

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