Worship on the Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "Ave Maria" Charles Gounod

Welcome

Call to Worship

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to his friends.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Today we worship, trusting we will behold the risen Lord.

May our eyes be open to recognize Christ in his gracious deeds.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 315 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Prayer of Confession

Living Lord, you are present among us. Yet, like the first disciples, sometimes we fail to see you in our midst. We do not realize that you are walking beside us, as we meet the demands of our lives. We do not notice you in everyday encounters, for we are distracted by work and consumed by our concerns. We do not recognize you in the faces of people around us, for our expectations are too limited to imagine all the ways you dwell among us. Open our eyes to perceive you in our community, so that—seeing you clearly—we might follow you faithfully. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 4:1-8

New Testament Luke 24:36-49

Sermon Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory "God in His Love for Us" James P. Harding

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you have made Jesus the Author of life. You still do marvelous miracles, bringing healing and new life in our midst. Thank you for your goodness in providing for our needs so that we may contribute to the ongoing work of Jesus Christ, here and now. As we reach out in friendship to people in our community, may they experience your love and draw closer to you. Amen.

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 310 "He Lives"

Benediction "Impromptu" Franz Schubert

Postlude

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 17 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online

Book Group on Julian of Norwich "Chapter 1: Time"

Thursday, April 18 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor **Moms' Group**: coffee and conversation with or without kids

Thursday, April 18 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Senior Luncheon

RSVP to Heather Burnham

Sunday, April 21 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and online Worship Service on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Wednesday, April 24 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online

Book Group on Julian of Norwich "Chapter 1: Time"

Thursday, April 25 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor **Moms' Group**: coffee and conversation with or without kids

Friday, April 26 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Pizza and Games Night

RSVP to Pastor Rosanna

Sunday, April 28 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and online

Worship Service on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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