

## UNITE IN LOVE

### Welcome

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

One: Sing praise to our Resurrection God:

**ALL: Who changed sadness into joy;**

One: Who took the tears of the night

**ALL: And dried them in the morning light;**

One: Who rolled away the stone of despair

**ALL: And placed hope forever in the air;**

One: Who joins us along our pathways

**ALL: And teaches us to love always.**

### Gathering Hymn #232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

### Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**ALL: God, you have made known to us the ways of life.**

**Yet, too often, we put other things above you**

**and turn away from the ways of life**

**and toward the ways of death.**

**Forgive us and guide us back into your presence,**

**that we may know the fullness of joy.**

### Quiet Reflection

### Assurance of Grace

One: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God.

Share this promise of peace and joy:

**ALL: By God’s grace, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved. Amen.**

### Response to Grace #582

“Glory to God Whose, Goodness Shines on Me”

### Choir Anthem

“The Road to Emmaus”

Bronwyn Edwards

## GROW IN FAITH

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-27

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Luke 24:28-35

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### Time for Wonder

### Reflection on the Word

### Hymn (tune #693)

“Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,  
Two travelers walked along the way.  
They'd once had hope, but hope had died  
When you, O Lord, were crucified.

When you appeared beside the two,  
They could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain,  
You gave them hope and joy again.

For as you spoke to them God's word,  
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done  
And that a new day had begun.

They shared their home; you broke the bread.  
They saw you, risen from the dead!  
That moment's grace helped them to see  
The gift of God's eternity.

In scripture and at table, too,  
O Risen Lord, may we know you.  
And may your presence give us grace  
To share God's love in every place.

### Welcoming New Member

Russ Knoll

### *Pastor Julie*

In baptism you were claimed by God...  
...Hear these words from scripture: There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**ALL: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized by reciting the Apostles’ Creed:

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated on the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Offering Invitation & Dedication**

**Doxology #607** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Our Life Together**

- Next Sunday: “Someone to Watch Over You” | New Series – Closer and Closer

**\*Sending Hymn #745** “Now Go in Joy”

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**Passing the Peace**

- One: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.
- All: And also with you.**
- One: Share signs of God’s peace with one another.

**Postlude**