

3rd Sunday of Easter – APRIL 26, 2020, 9:15 am

Prelude

Welcome

Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive

UMH 318

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Loving God,

We come together as one to worship you. We invite your Holy Spirit to be with us. Prepare our hearts to experience your presence. Let the songs sung, the word proclaimed, and the shared meal of love, minister to our spirits and remind us that no matter what we are going through, you are always with us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Video Greeting from Some BAUMC Families

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 13-35

NRSV

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast.¹⁸ 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?”

¹⁹ “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.²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;²¹ 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. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ 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.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² 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?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Sermon

Offering Reflection with Organ Music

Communion

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* Dave Tramontana



HYMN LYRICS

Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive!
Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive!
No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
And dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive,
And comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy,
With justice, love, and praise.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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 wave notes
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!**