



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

18 April 2021 – 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeanne Faulkner, liturgist

One: Sometimes we don't see the good that's right in front of us.

All: Expectation of the worst can make us blind to the best.

One: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

All: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

HYMN #99

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the shadows deepen, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foes, with you at hand to bless,
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still if you abide with me.**

**Hold now your cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Christ, abide with me.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.
Amen.**

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. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?'

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?'

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.' 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. 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?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

Stay with Us!

Pastor Dave

MEDITATION

I Believe In You

Bob Dylan

Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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Offertory Music

There Is No Greater Love

Isham Jones and Marty Symes

*lyrics adapted by Art Alm

COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways
as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve
to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's
amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world,
striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures,
reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace
into all life and every life. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Whenever God Shines A Light

Van Morrison