HIGHLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

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?" He asked them, "What things?" 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." 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. 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.

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

- CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

Greeters: Kathy & Doug Hengst, Linda Keener, Dianna Bock, Joan Alexander, Elizabeth & Clair Hess
Ushers: Johnny Wood, Rita Simmers, Crispina Giliberti, Henry & Wendy Hershey

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:
Sue Esch, in loving memory of Ron Esch

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "**Friendship Pad**" down the pew.*
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

Minute for Mission - El Salvador

Call to Worship — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: God calls us together to worship. Our Creator listens to our thoughts and to what we say.
People: God inclines an ear to us and hears us. God knows us more deeply than we know ourselves.
Leader : We open our hearts to the One who brings new life to us. We fully trust and put our faith and hope in God.
All: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise. In gratitude we proclaim God's steadfast love for us! Let us worship the God of our salvation!

* Opening Song — "In Christ Alone"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing Your presence with us. We follow our busy schedules without paying attention to Your call for our lives. We exhaust ourselves to achieve financial success and personal recognition. Yet You call us to be obedient, truthful and share mutual love. Clean us up, O God. Redirect us, our priorities, and our dreams. Create within us newness and transformation as we seek to abide in You and live as You want us to live. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The promise of forgiveness is for everyone whom God calls. The gift of the Holy Spirit is ours to receive. Lift up the bread of life and cup of salvation every day as we call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

At this time, children through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Choral Anthem	"Help Us Accept Each Other"	by John Ness Beck
Scripture Reading	Luke 24:13-35	
Message	**"Jesus Opens Our Eyes"**	Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne
* Hymn of Response	"Open Your Eyes and See" (words on back of bulletin)	

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer — Will Massey

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #343 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

* Charge and Benediction — Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Postlude

* Please Stand in Body or Spirit

Music: *Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director*
Jonathan Lefever, organist
Highland Chancel Choir
A/V: Mark Anderson, Garrett Koleda, Gus Beaulieu

"Open Your Eyes and See"
by Lavon Baylor

Open your eyes and see
That Christ is present here,
A prophet strong in word and deed
Who taught us not to fear.
Alive with us to stay,
On walks or breaking bread,
The Sovereign Jesus promises
We will be loved and fed.

May we be born anew
By your abiding word
To serve the truth with gen'rous hearts,
And may our thanks be heard.
Your bounty we enjoy;
Your praises we would sing.
O' purify our souls within,
That others we may bring.

Live in community
With all whom Christ forgave.
Let people, more than things we own,
Be what we seek to save.
Uphold each one in prayer
And give to those in need,
Believers struggling side by side
To serve in word and deed.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.
Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.
Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.