



Sunday, August 13, 2023

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?" "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. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

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

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?"

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

Matthew 14:13-21 (MSG)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Joan Alexander, Mary Ellen Cantrell, Cindy Eidam, Trixi Ray, Joyce Shaffer

Ushers: John & Gail Robinson, Donna Kinsey, Henry & Wendy Hershey

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Harry & Eileen Flick, in loving memory of their parents

Ann Gross and family, in memory of Charles Gross

Grandpa & Grandma McKim, in celebration of Joanna Roth's birthday

Anne Montgomery, in honor of all students, educator and support staff as they begin a new school year

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.

* Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: Come into God's holy courts with praise.

Leader: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name

People: Because God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Indeed, God's faithfulness is for all generations

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* Opening Song

"Hymn of Heaven"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

God of mercy, you come alongside us on our journey, and yet often times we fail to acknowledge you. We overlook your blessings and your abiding presence in our lives. We walk through life downcast, with our eyes fixed on disappointment and despair. Open our eyes so we can fix them on you, the author and perfecter of our faith. Enable us to come alongside others as you come alongside us...with compassion, grace, and love.

Kyrie Eleison 572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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 ages 4 and older are invited to REMAIN with their grown-ups in service, today. Activity bags are available in the gathering area of the children's classrooms. The nursery is open for infants through age three.

Song

"Open The Eyes of My Heart"

Scripture Readings

Luke 24:13-35

Message

"Come Alongside (Revisited)"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Highland Praise Band

"Multiplied"

God's Plan Seekers (GPS) Update

Scott Billig

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 Song

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

JEFF MARTIN, WORSHIP LEADER

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GUS BEAULIEU, JOHN HOLTZAPPLE, JERRY ROTHACKER

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.