

it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Peter 1: 16-21 ~ Page 1062 in the pew Bible

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human impulse, but people moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Understanding Scripture" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

*HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* #408

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

*HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #539

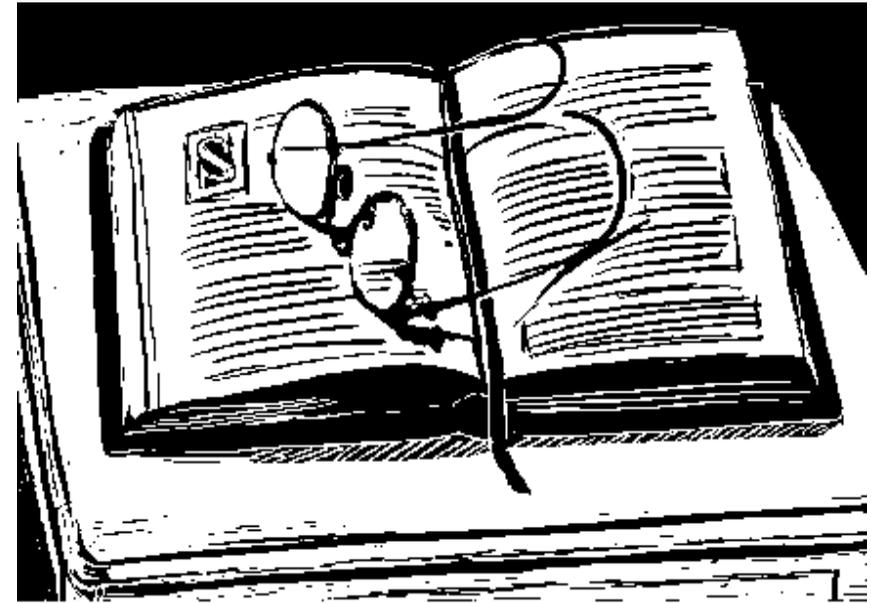
*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Benediction* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace, Organist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.



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Order of Service for the Worship of God

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 25: 4-5, 8, 10

L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**P: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you
I wait all the day long.**

L: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore God instructs sinners in God's way.

**P: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep
God's covenant and testimonies.**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ Based on the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you that the risen Lord Jesus revealed himself as alive forever, and that he taught from Scripture about his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. We ask that Christ our Lord breathe upon us his peace, that our eyes may be opened, and that by the Holy Spirit we may follow where you would lead us. Amen.

***HYMN**

O How I Love Jesus

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 25: 6, 11, 17-18

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

L: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distresses.

P: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, patient God, hear our confession and forgive our sins. You gave us life and you have blessed us so richly, but we think we have earned what we have. In Jesus Christ, you gave your life because you love us so much, but we love ourselves far more than we love you or others. By the Holy Spirit, you would teach us and guide us, but we think we know what is best, so we follow our own way instead of yours. In the Bible, you have revealed your will and called us to live according to your words, but we pick and choose what to believe and what to obey. Open our minds to your truth, and open our hearts to your guidance, that we may live faithfully as disciples of Jesus.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Colossians 1: 12-14, 20-22

L: [Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

P: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: Through Jesus, God reconciled all things to himself, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P: And [we], who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, God has now reconciled in Christ's body of flesh by his death, in order to present [us] holy, blameless, and without fault before him.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

Benediction

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 24: 13-35 ~ Page 920 in the pew Bible

That very day [Easter] two of them [followers of Jesus] were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early this morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave