



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

April 23, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song

Rise and Shine

The Belonging Co., Wong

*Call to Worship

Psalm 116

One: I love the Lord, because God hears me and listens to my prayers.

All: **Because you have inclined your ear to me, I will call on you as long as I live.**

One: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

All: **I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

*Song

Glorious Day

Passion

Guided Confession

-Forgive us those times where like Jonah, we went in the opposite direction.

-Forgive us those times we failed to see Jesus when he was right in front of our face

-Forgive us those times that we give up hope all too soon

-Forgive us when we think we know more than Jesus

-Forgive us those times we are foolish and so slow to believe

-Thank you Lord for walking with us and opening our eyes to see you more clearly

Song

Revelation Song

Riddle

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 13-35 NRSVue

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes

were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Gospel According to Cleopas

Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Walk

Foo Fighters

Prayers of the People

One: Lord abide with us,

All: **and we will abide in you.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

*Closing Song

Blessed Assurance (My King is Coming)

West, Kipley

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Laura Fennema, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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