**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accompanist: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?
**P: We shall praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us, and brings new life out of death.**

L: Dear Ones, how shall we live?
**P: With the confidence of God’s beloved children, with security and joy of God’s saving grace.**

L: Friends old and new, what is the promise?
**P: New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!**L: Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?
**P: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise!**

**ALL: We will praise the Lord as long as we live!**

HYMN: “Because You Live, O Christ” Black Hymnal #231

INVOCATION

**ALL: Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst. Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us, with us! Dance among us! Pray with us! Shower us with your love, Amen!**

RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia” by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: ALL: Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God may come to us, unrecognized, as a stranger. The Risen Christ reaches out to us in unexpected ways as we travel our own Emmaus roads. May the Word of our Still-speaking God continue to burn in our hearts as we trust in Jesus’ promise that our sins are forgiven.
**P: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Passing of the Peace (blessing one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 1:17-23

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

A TIME OF LEARNING WITH CHILDREN

STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed Black Hymnal 887

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

VISUAL REFLECTION: “The Jesus Strategy” with Father Greg Boyle

 From: The Work of the People

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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.**

HYMN: “My Shepherd Is the Living God” Black Hymnal #247

MEDITATION: “Obedience to the Truth” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Christ Rose Up from the Dead” Black Hymnal #239

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[We have activated giving buttons on our website and Facebook page. The office is open Monday thru Friday 10am till Noon; Postal service is available.]

L: The author of 1 Peter implores us to love one another deeply from the heart and assures us that we have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In our giving today, let us give, not out of obligation, but from the heart. Let our gifts be seeds of the living and enduring word of God, that will sprout in abundance of justice and hope all that is necessary for life, for sisters and brothers here at hand, and around the world.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: Jesus, God has made you both Sovereign and Christ. Therefore, we pray your blessing upon these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will benefit from them. May your victory over death empower all whom you call to trust in God. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

L: Friends, rejoice in the mothering and fathering love of God! Rejoice in the victorious life of our Risen Savior! Rejoice in the power of the Spirit! Go, living in the love of Christ! Go, serving in the name of Christ! Let your love of God embrace your children, your family, your enemies, those who are afar off; those who are strangers met on the road. May your lives praise the Lord!

**ALL: Amen.**

\*Postlude