



## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

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Parking lot worship for

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers**

**Organist: Kathy Bowe**

Thanks for attending our drive-in worship service. Please remember the guidelines below:

- The church will be open for restroom use only.
- The rules for social distancing remain in effect. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from each other and wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Scrip will be available for purchase before and after worship. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus had confidence in life after death. That confidence can be ours.

P: **The grief felt at Lazarus' death was overcome by the reassurance of Jesus.**

L: He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

P: **In raising Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that death is not beyond the hope found in resurrection.**

L: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty acts of Jesus.

P: **We are given courage and confidence by the power of God to overcome our worst fears. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can**

**be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

SONG #27

“How Great Thou Art”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Luke 24:13-35**

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.

SERMON "In the Breaking of the Biscuits"

SONG #334 "Amazing Grace"

PASTORAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Margaret Erdmann (sister of Jeanette Wriedt)

Larry Madson

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Cassie Jeanty

Amy Wempner

Warren Fidlin

Macullen Schnell

Dan Wempner

Ross Westphalen

Julia

Karen Schlegel

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

**Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer, Carol Meiselwitz,

**Other concerns:**

Recent victims of gun violence

People of Myanmar

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live in places where violence prevails.

### **BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Plan a visit to one of our homebound members!** Assisted living facilities are taking visitors again!

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

Carol Meiselwitz is at The Waterford in Plymouth. Monday-Friday by appointment only. (920-892-4635)

### *2021 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members*

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### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday 4/11:** 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Trevor Rabe*

**Monday 4/12:**

**Tuesday 4/13:** 6:30pm Consistory;

**Wednesday 4/14:** *Happy Birthday Kerry Rumpff, Brandon Schmitt, Ryan Schmitt, Noah Biwan, Trevor Muehlbauer, and Jacob Riesterer!*

**Thursday 4/15:** *Happy Birthday Dawson Horneck! Happy Anniversary Gary & Doris Rabe!*

**Friday 4/16:** *Happy Birthday Blake Holz! Happy Anniversary Bill & Karen Schlegel!*

**Saturday 4/17:** *Happy Birthday Ellie Loose!*

**Sunday 4/18:** 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Abby Vogel!*

**Pantry item: Bottle of Hand soap, Dish soap or Shampoo**