

"Road to Emmaus" by Michael Torevell WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST April 18, 2021

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Words of Welcome

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Rev. Alba Beasley

Prelude - "The Road Home" (Hayes)

Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship

Rev. Will Brown

Leader: O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter ... People: ...surprise us today! Bring us, and you did the disciples, from the desert of our sorrow to the sea of your grace.

Leader: Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours.

People: Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good.

Leader: And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy.

People: Be our companion and our hope for the journey. Arise in us today.

^{*}Hymn – "Day of Arising"



Based on Luke 24:13–35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

*Invocation Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting Rev. Fisk

Words of Faith

Children's Sermon Erin Brown

Epistle Lesson – 1 John 3:1-7 Carolyn Lowery

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

^{*}Hymn - "How Can I Keep From Singing"

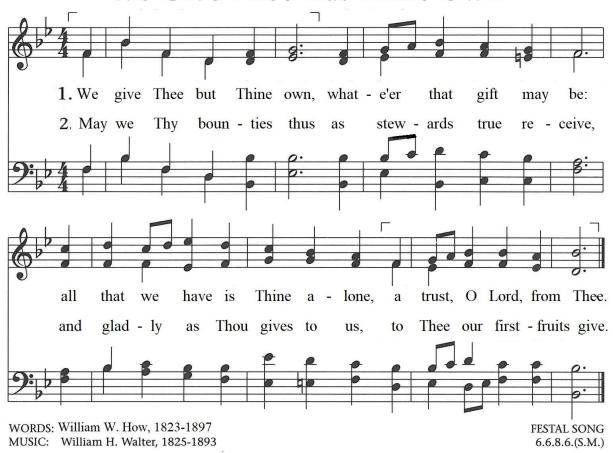


Blessing Rev. Brown

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Hymn - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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Gospel Lesson-Luke 24:13-35

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*Doxology

Jim Hallissy



Morning Prayer

Rev. Fisk

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.

Anthem - "Devotion" (Beck)

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon - "Walking to Emmaus"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Solo - "I Can See" (Meece)

Rev. Beasley

Words of Commitment & Blessing

*Hymn - "When the Poor Ones"

When the Poor Ones



Drawing on the parable revealing Christ's presence in "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31–46), the stanzas here give examples (the "when") while the refrain affirms the promise (the "then"). The journey imagery of the refrain may be based on the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13–35).

Benediction Dr. Tennant

Postlude Barbara Moore

"Our Great High Priest Has Gone Before" (Widmar)

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