

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## Welcome

### \*Passing the Peace

#### Chiming of the Hour *(please be seated)*

\*Prelude *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* by Chavez  
Sanctuary Choir

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: If you were not risen, Lord Christ, to whom would we go to discover the radiance of the face of God?

**People: If you were not risen, we could not be together to seek your communion.**

Leader: We would not find in your presence forgiveness, wellspring of a new beginning.

**People: If you were not risen, where would we draw the energy for following you right to the end of our existence, for choosing you again and anew?**

Leader: Let us worship the One who lives!  
*- Based on a prayer by Brother Roger of Taizé*

\*Opening Hymn #2115 (insert) *Christ Has Risen*  
Centering Prayer

Holy God, your glory and power is made known in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are Easter people because Christ is risen. He is alive! And, where you live, life and light, freedom and salvation, hope and reconciliation break out. You penetrate our lives. You propel us to action. You invigorate our love. All praise and honor and glory be yours as we manifest the risen Christ in our worship and in our lives. Amen.

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 116 Hymnal, Page 837  
Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God." Response 1  
People: "Thanks be to God."

**Sermon** "Eye Opener" Rev. Bates  
Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35 (The Message)

## Invitation

## Litany of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Resurrected Christ, you come to us when we least expect, offering us lives of a different kind of abundance.

**People: Yet we often fail to sense your presence with us and misuse your generous gifts.**

Leader: Joyful Spirit, you long to turn our mourning into dancing, to change our funeral clothes into garments of exuberance.

**People: Sad or afraid, we often struggle to lift our feet to your music or wear an emotion that matches your joy.**

**All: Forgive us, Creator of all, for failing to live in tune with your love. Even when we have lost faith in you, do not lose faith in us. Make us once again into your faithful people, inspired and inspiring others.**

## Offering & Offertory

*Open Our Eyes*

*Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.*

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## \*Doxology (#94)

**The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH pg. 17)

**The Lord's Prayer** (Kriewald)

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

**Special Music**

*Peace Like a River* arr. Antaloczy  
Hugh Martin, bass

## Prayer after Receiving

**Lord, you have placed a call on each of our hearts. You call us not only to a particular vocation, but in all that we do, to follow you, serve others and worship you. Whatever we do, we do as one of your disciples. You have given us what we need to do our work, and you provided spiritual nourishment through your Word, and in this holy meal of bread and wine. This meal, as no other, fills us, renews us, convicts and sustains us in our quest to further your kingdom. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn #613

*O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread*

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude