

Reach One More For Jesus!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Christ is here, ready to be revealed. Watch and wait for the new growth that is coming.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Stay with Christ, and Christ will stay with you.

P: Listen for God, and God will speak.

L: Seek the Spirit, and the Spirit will be revealed.

P: For the Spirit is already here, inviting us to stay.

OPENING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs. 1-3

Hymnal Page #381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we are here, yearning to know You more fully. Stay with us as we worship this day. Reveal Yourself in the words that are spoken. Help us understand Your truth, and embrace Your life-giving power, revealed within Your enduring word. In Christ's Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

The Walk to Emmaus

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.

³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then 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 Word of God for the people of God.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "LOOK WHO'S WALKING NEXT TO YA!"

1. Know Scripture, Know Christ.

2. The Breaking of The Bread Opens My Eyes to Jesus' Presence.

3. Go, Share The Good News!

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All things have their origin with You, Lord, and from these riches we freely give, that Your church might grow in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" vs. 2-3

Hymnal Page #419

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

BENEDICTION