

Community Worship Liturgy Packet

April 26, 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

Light a candle in the center of your gathering space as you welcome the Light of Christ into your time of worship.

Welcome

Call to Worship

As you walk with us, as we journey together,

Lord, your word fills our hearts!

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

Encounter on the Emmaus road

¹³ On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

¹⁹ He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. ²² But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. ²⁶ Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. ²⁹ But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

³³ They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

Sermon

“Resurrection Stories: From A story to OUR Story”

Song of Reflection

“Path of Sorrow”

Celebration of the Offering

Here are some practical ways to give in the week ahead. Let us know if you have any ideas so that we can best be the church in this season of our life together.

- + Write a letter to someone, encouraging them that God is with them
- + Connect with someone via technology—whether that be a phone conversation or another means
- + Check on a neighbor
- + Reach out to someone who may need food/supplies
- + At Jordan Memorial, we are committed to partnering with local small business in our community. Like the

event this past Tuesday with Captain Tom's and Vee's Bakery, we hope to set up more of these partnerships so that our community can be fed and we can celebrate the many gifted places and people in Ramseur. Our next feeding event will take place on Monday, May 4 in partnership with multiple churches and Sammy's Main Street Grill. Would you consider partnering with us in this way? Thank you for supporting the local church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

You can send your offering & financial support to:

Jordan Memorial UMC
PO Box 848
1511 Main Street
Ramseur, NC 27316

or:

You can give online at www.JordanMemorial.org or directly to Jordan Memorial at the link provided:

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KGOnFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbRE8VMOI0UB7wMU6Kxm8QlciYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZffwKfYERpQud66vISCHkfifKbqlsNOZI=&ver=3

Doxology

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering, we are an offering.

Celebrating Pastor Drew

Today, we give God thanks for Pastor Drew and his commitment to our church and community over the last four years. We invite you to actively show your love & support for Drew by sending him a graduation card and a note of thanks.

As a reminder, his address is:

Drew Woten
5203 Shady Bluff St.
Durham, NC 27704

Song of Sending

"Spirit Song"

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
O give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Benediction