

Violence is not our best, disease is not our last, and fear is not our truth. Are not our hearts burning within us?

It is on this road where you teach us the mysteries of a story that came before us and will sustain after us—a story of exodus and homecoming, of resurrection and renewal. **Where you show us how goodness and suffering can be held together by God-made hands; how we have never-not for one second-been alone. Are not our hearts burning within us?**

It is from this road that you rejoin us at the table, the Body and Blood holding the blood and body, as you did before when you promised Love would win.

We were not ready for the trauma that came with thinking we had lost the Light. Give us today the bread we need for today that it may nourish us towards healing even as we are hurting. Are not our hearts burning within us?

~Britney Winn Lee

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

#454, v. 1-3
WORDS & MUSIC BY CLARA H. SCOTT
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1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. [Refrain]

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**

ALL PRAISE TO THEE, FOR THOU, O KING DIVINE

#166, v. 1
WORDS BY F. BLAND TUCKER
MUSIC BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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1. Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE
WALTER CHALMERS SMITH

“God, Our Savior, is in the Whispers”

1 Kings 19:3-13a



August 29, 2021
Communion Sunday Worship Online
& in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
CAROL TORNQUIST

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

BLESS HIS HOLY NAME
ANDRAÉ CROUCH



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SCRIPTURE READING
LUKE 24: 13-35

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We had hoped that we would be somewhere else by now, that things would be different, that relief would be ours.

We hoped for a better year, a better outcome, a better society where people could work together for each other's good. Tell us again about hope, God.

We had hoped that our weariness about the weariness would be replaced with joy and energy, that loss would not be the theme of most stories.

We had hoped for another kind of phone call, another kind of headline, another kind of school year where milestones could be marked with proximity. Tell us again about hope, God.

We had hoped for peace instead of war, flourishing instead of floods, and abundance instead of scarcity.

We hoped that dry bones would fill with life, waves would part for rescue, and the crowd would not insist on putting Love on a cross. Tell us again about hope, God. But here we are, in a place that is more chronic than interim. We feel the ache of those traveling to Emmaus who did not yet have hindsight in their corner.

Here we are. Wondering what could have been and should have been, feeling unnerved about how little we feel at the moment. Tell us again about hope, God. Will you tell us again about hope, God?

~Britney Winn Lee

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

#110
WORDS AND MUSIC BY MARTIN LUTHER
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1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER HYMN
MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

#452, v. 1-3
WORDS FROM RAY PALMER
MUSIC FROM LOWELL MASON
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1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY**

#94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF FAITH
GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

#130
WORDS BY CIVILLA D. MARTIN
MUSIC BY W. STILLMAN MARTIN
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1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

3. All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING
1 KINGS 19:3-13A

SERMON
"GOD, OUR SAVIOR, IS IN THE WHISPERS"

ANTHEM
"TILL THE STORM PASSES BY
MOSIE LISTER

And Jesus asks, "What are you discussing together?"

It is on this road, as we walk and review all that was and wasn't, that you join us. Before we can even utter "Where has God gone?" you are here. "This is not the end," you insist; you incarnate. Death is not where it culminates.