

SOLO *Worship the Lord* by Susan Caudill

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

HYMN (please remain seated) *Honor and Praise* TFWS #3028

SERMON SURPRISED BY JOY! Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *Our Great Savior* Rowland Prichard/arr. Melody Bober
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*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!*

*CLOSING HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 133

*BENEDICTION

As you meet travelers on the road,
let love and joy increase.

**As you experience Christ in the presence of another,
grow in grace and power.**

Go with God.

*RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Halleluja* TFWS #2026

POSTLUDE *March Recessional* Lily Strickland

* Please stand as able.

Luke 24:13-35

Today's Scripture

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. 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?' 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how

foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Today's Liturgist: Robin Isakson

ALL-CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME IS LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEEK	8:30	ATTENDANCE			VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
		10:30	IN- PERSON				
4/2	32	60	92	33	125	\$7,322	
4/9	46	78	124	74	198	\$6,360	
4/16	38	48	86	35	121	\$1,577	
4/23	30	103	133	17	150	\$1,412	
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160							
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD Budgeted: \$264,880 YTD Received: \$245,350							

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

ALL-CHURCH
SUNDAY

Next Sunday-May 7
Hosted by

UNITED METHODIST
MEN



Announcement: Please note that the 9:00 AM Senior Exercise groups are not meeting during the month of May. This is only temporary!

Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123
MMR--McMillen Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Mon May 01** 6:00 PM Quilt Class--CH.
- Tue May 02** 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga--CH, 1:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study--CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR.
- Wed May 03** 9:00 AM Church Work Day,
- Thu May 04** 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
- Fri May 05** nothing currently scheduled
- Sat May 06** nothing currently scheduled
- Sun May 07** 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- Sun May 08** 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

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To Join Us
At Our
Church**



**TODAY, SUNDAY APRIL 30
4:00 PM MOVIE
"80 for Brady"**

Starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Rita Moreno, Sally Field and Tom Brady. Four best friends embark on a wild trip to see their hero play in the 2017 Super Bowl

Movie in Criswell Hall
Soda and popcorn!
Program Ministry.



Sat May 13-11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Mother's Day Tea in Criswell Hall is sponsored by United Women in Faith. Fun entertainment by Mary Hawkins & the Clarks, so brush off your Western Hat (or Western Tea Hat?) Cost is \$15 each. Sign up now!

Sat July 15--Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo
A FUN FUNDRAISER!

Coming to you from UWF!



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April 30, 2023

10:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

On the road of life, we meet Christ, not always recognizing him along the Way. We look back in awe, with gratitude, and realize that in one way or another, at each stage of the journey, we have been led.

PRELUDE *I Saw the Light* Hank Williams/arr. Brent Edstrom
INTROIT *Christ is Alive* verses 1-2 No. 318

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we feel like we are journeying alone,
Christ is present with us on the road.
When hope falters, God in Christ
speaks words of comfort, love and encouragement.
By the Power of God's Spirit, we are led.

*OPENING HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* No. 128

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**God of Easter hope,
we long to follow the stirring of our hearts,
when we meet you on the road.
Open our eyes to your life-giving presence,
as we break bread with strangers
and find you in our midst,
easing the chaos in our minds
and offering us love and grace. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *We Sing of Your Glory* TFWS #2011
Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response *We Sing of Your Glory* TFWS #2011