

Sunday, April 26th @ 10:30 a.m.

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Hymn # 1: 359 (VU) "He Came Singing Love"

He came singing love and he lived singing love; he died singing love. He arose in silence. For the love to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singer.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith; he died singing faith. He arose in silence. For the faith to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singer.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope; he died singing hope. He arose in silence. For the hope to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singer.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace; he died singing peace. He arose in silence. For the peace to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singer.

Scripture

Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus disciples 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 alory?"

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.

Instrumental: "Standing in the Promises"

Hymn # 2: 182 (VU) "Stay With Us Through The Night"

Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the pain. Stay with us blessed stranger till the morning breaks again. Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the grief. Stay with us blessed stranger till the morning brings relief.

Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the dread. Stay with us blessed stranger till the morning breaks new bread.

Questions for Contemplations

If Jesus were to come alongside you today and ask what you are talking about, what would you say?

Are there particular stories or verses in Scripture that would be helpful for you to remember in this current time? How can you keep them in the forefront of your mind? How do they shape your understanding of current events?

When has your heart burned within you? Have you ever recognized it as being the presence of God?

What do you make of the lack of agency on the part of the two disciples? Why does Luke tell us that they were kept from recognizing Jesus and then later that their eyes were opened?

Can you recall a time when celebrating communion was especially meaningful to you? Have you experienced "virtual communion"? If so, what has that experience been like for you? Did you recognize the Spirit even though you were not in the same space as those with whom you were worshipping?



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