

*“The truth must dazzle gradually or every man be blind.”
Emily Dickinson*

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Come, O Traveler Unknown* *J.Mansfield*

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *In The Lord* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps 116)

L: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

A: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

L: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

A: O Lord, I am your servant; You have loosed my bonds.

L: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**A: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in
the courts of the house of the Lord in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

L/A: Praise the Lord!

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *Come, You Faithful, Raise The Strain* *B230*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

**Loving God, as you walked with the disciples going to Emmaus, so we
covet your presence on our journeys of life. Strengthen us as we**

**continue to walk in fellowship with you. Open our eyes to your
presence, your creation, your beauty. Open our hearts to respond with
compassion to the needs of fellow travelers. Open us to work for
justice and peace and to advance your kingdom. Soli Deo Gloria. We
pray all this as you have taught us, saying, “Our Father...”**

LET US LISTEN

READING Luke 24: 13-35
HYMN *Now The Green Blade Rises* B238
REFLECTION *On The Way*
ANTHEM *The Road Home* *Stephen Paulus*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns *Medima*
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

L: Let the people say ...

P: Amen and Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Figurierter Choral* *R.Schumann*

***DOXOLOGY** B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

**Holy One, You bless us bountifully with gifts of all kinds...filling our
needs and enriching our lives. We return to you but a portion of your**

gifts with grateful hearts. May these offerings enable and enhance the growth of your mission in our world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN *Christ is Arisen* insert

*BENEDICTION

*SEVEN FOLD AMEN R594

POSTLUDE *Break Forth, Ye Heavens!* E.Broughton

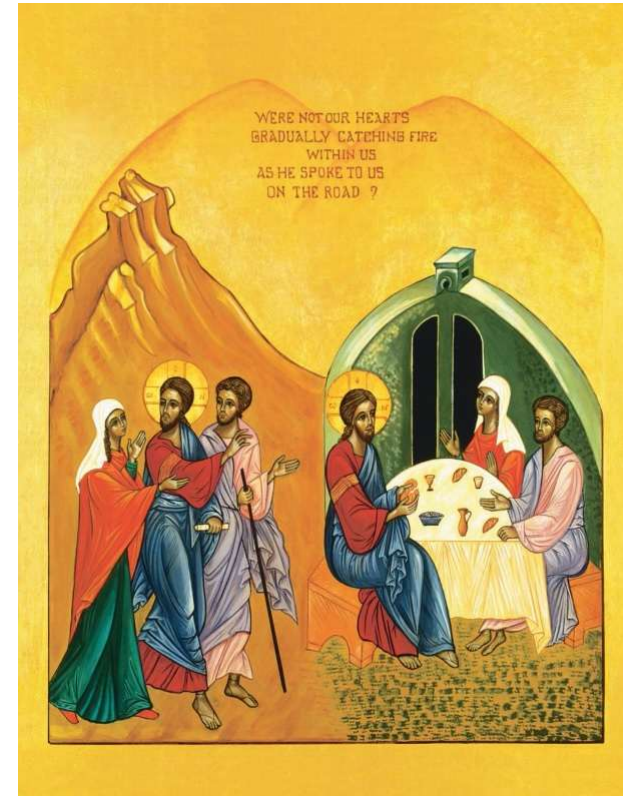
Ministers: The People
Guest Preacher: Rosalie Sainsbury
Minister of Music: Gene Faxon
Worship Leader: Nancy Elder-Wilfrid
Greeter and Usher: Susan Peterson
Setup: Lisa Giragosian
Flowers:

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee and fellowship, this week provided by Lisa and Kathy

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