



May 4, 2025

Communion Sunday

The Third Sunday of Easter

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Special Recognition Daina Sparling

Krystal Manuel moves on after 5 years as our Children's Coordinator

Prayer Joanne Little, Lay Leader

Creator of every moment and every life, thank you for Krystal. Thank you for her commitment and her ministry with the children of this congregation. May she always know that she is beloved.

As we worship today, open our eyes to your love pouring through every moment. May we see your Presence even in the strangers we walk next to on the road of life. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *We Praise You, O God* VU 218

As we sing this hymn children and youth are invited downstairs. They will return to worship for Communion. Younger children are welcome in the Family Room behind the piano, or they can remain in worship with you.

Scripture Reading Luke 24: 13 -35

Anthem *Arise, Shine!* Alison Grant-Préville Guest Director
(P. Williams & J. Martin)

Reflection "Blessed, Broken, Given" Valerie Oden

We Share in Communion

*Hymn of Invitation *All Who Hunger* VU 460

Invitation to the Table

Hymn *Stay with Us* (verse 1) VU 182

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened." (Luke 24: 13-14)

Silent Prayer

What has been happening in your journey the last few days or weeks? What has been occurring in our country? In our world?

Hymn *Stay with Us* (verse 2) VU 182

"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." (Luke 24: 15-17)

Silent Prayer

What disappointments are you experiencing these days? Tell them to the one who accompanies our every moment. Speak them into the field of grace that makes us new each moment.

Hymn *Stay with Us* (verse 3) VU 182

"As they came near the village, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us.' 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." (Luke 24: 28-31)

