

April 27, 2025

*Second Sunday of Easter: "On the Road to New Life"*

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**Worship:** 10:00 AM

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**THE SEASON OF EASTER: RESURRECTION**

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. He is alive! We too can now choose to live out resurrection by becoming alive to new life. Jesus' death and resurrection is a statement of how reality works all the time and everywhere. He teaches us that there's a different way to live with our pain, our sadness, and our suffering. We can say, "Woe is me," and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can say, "God is even in this." (*Richard Rohr*)

**1. GATHERING**

**Prelude (John)**

**Call to Worship (Steve)**

**Congregational Singing (Cathy)**

**Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**All:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

*"Life is one big road with lots of signs. So, when you riding through the ruts, don't complicate your mind. Flee from hate, mischief, and jealousy. Don't bury your thoughts, put your vision to reality. Wake Up and Live!"*  
— Bob Marley

*"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive." — C. S. Lewis*

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Luke 24:13-31

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 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?"

19 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, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 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. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 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. 24 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."

25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 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.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.



### Sermon: "On the Road to New Life"

Through Christ's resurrection, death and deadness are no longer the final word, but life, or being alive again is now possible. But we still must choose to start the journey on the road that can lead us into being truly alive!

*"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." — Dolly Parton*

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Cathy)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (John)

Sending (Steve)

*"We can never be afraid to stand up for what is right, no matter what others may say. And sometimes, if that means taking a lonely road, if what we are standing for is true, then perhaps moonlight or sunshine will light our way and make it less lonely." — Pramila Jayapal*