Order of Worship for May 3, 2020
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE: Fairest Lord Jesus...............................................................Volklieder/Forrest
Ting Ting Wong, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP:
What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?
We will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are those who find their refuge in God.
Come, let us worship God together!

HYMN OF PRAISE: “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”.................Kingdom
Led by NSPC Quartet
(Hymn music and lyrics are on the last page of the Order of Worship)

PRAYER OF ADORATION (PASTOR): God of grace, you have given us minds to
know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that
we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, this day and always;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (PASTOR): And now let us confess our sins before God,
first silently, and then we will join together in our prayer of confession.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison):
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved
you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Sara Boninu

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.

This is the Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM:** *In Remembrance of Me*..................................................................................................................Red NSPC Quartet

**SERMON:** After the Resurrection: The Road to Emmaus
Rev. Jeanne Thomas, preaching

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison):**
This is the good news:
The grave is empty, Christ is risen. Alleluia!
This is the good news:
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. Alleluia!

This is the good news: Once we were no people, But now we are God’s people. Alleluia! Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Words of Invitation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving:
The Lord be with you.
   And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
   We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
   It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Sharing the Bread and Cup:
(As the pastor says, “the body of Christ broken for you,” eat the bread. As she says, “the blood of Christ shed for you,” drink the juice.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:
Gracious God, we thank you that you have nurtured us at the table of your son, Jesus Christ. You have placed your life into our hands; now we place our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us, and dismiss us in peace. For our eyes have now seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people. May we be your living presence in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: The Solid Rock.................................................................Bradbury/ Larson
   Ting Ting Wong, Piano

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the
2 By this promise that you love us, by your
3 With the saints who now adore you seated
4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven a-
at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love’s tie unbroken, O Lord.
send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.