

Charleswood Mennonite Church - Sunday Worship

April 26, 2020

Worship Leader: Valerie Smith

Faith Story: Henry Kliewer

Speaker: Karen Schellenberg

Music: Bob and Verna Wiebe

Below are several video links for you to play through the bulletin. Hover the cursor over the highlighted words, and then press CTRL on your keyboard and left-click on your mouse or touchpad to play.

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and ever-present God,
We are here, gathered together, sort of.

We are here, yearning for your presence in the midst of anxiety, weariness, and uncertainty
about lay-offs and struggling businesses,
about our health, both physical and mental,
about those we love, both far away and in our cramped homes,
about cancellations of so many things that bring us joy,
about the new complexity of ordinary tasks, like buying groceries.

We know we are in the middle of the Easter season,
we feel the warm sun,
we enjoy moments of relaxed laughter,
and we hear the hallelujahs.

But all too often these days it feels like we are stuck between Good Friday and Easter.
Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we struggle to understand.
We fail to comprehend that you are near.

This morning we ask for you to draw close to us and open our eyes,
So that as we worship this morning, we may feel your nearness
And so that our lives may be shaped by the knowledge of your resurrection.
Amen.

Music: Heidi and Emma Wiehler

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 (see below)

Story Time: Bryan Moyer Suderman - Emmaus Road (Video)

Music: *Healer of Our Every Ill* (comp. Marty Haugen)

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (see below)

Sermon: "a walk with grief..."

Music: HWB 517 *Open my eyes, that I may see* (If you have a hymn book, you are invited to sing or to read this hymn)

Baptismal Litany (Adapted from HWB 778)

L: Through baptism we are united to Jesus Christ
and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation.
Baptism is the visible sign that God is at work in our lives
reconciling all things in Christ.

**P: Baptism consists of a dying of our old selves, and the rising of a new life.
It shows the pouring out of the Holy Spirit
on those whom God has chosen.**

L: Baptism declares God's forgiveness;
it seals the gift of the Spirit
and joins the believer to the Body of Christ.

[You are invited to pour water from a pitcher into a bowl]

**P: This is the water of baptism.
Out of this water we rise with new life,
forgiven of sin,
and one in Christ,
members of Christ's body.**

Music: HWB 270 *Who are These*

Faith Story: Henry Kliewer

Zoom Meeting at 11:00 am: Includes Offertory, Sharing & Prayer
(Check your email for invitation link)

Announcements

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

In these times when fear and anxiety are so often close,
we are aware of the impulse to hold on tight to what we have
as if it will give us the security and assurance we crave.

But we know that you are not a God of scarcity.
For though we do not fully comprehend it,
we have seen your immeasurable generosity
and we have witnessed your transformation of death into eternal life.

And so we seek to give back to you with generosity,
knowing that you accept our gifts,
whatever they are,
whatever we can offer
in this time of disruption.

We seek to give back to you with generosity,
trusting you to meet our needs,
knowing that you call us to respond to the needs of your world,
and knowing that our hope and assurance lies in you.

Amen.

Sharing: Small Groups

Prayers of the People

Benediction

As you leave this time of worship,
go in the presence of God.

As you stay at home for another week,
remain in the peace of Christ.

As you continue to work and serve,
may your actions bless those around you.

Go in peace.

Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
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.
Praise the LORD!

Luke 24:13-35

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.