

**St Paul's  
UCC**

**Henderson  
MN**

**April  
24th,  
2023**



**Organ Prelude**

**Ringling of  
the Bell**

# **\*Call to Worship**

One: Come! Come! Come!

**All: Come! Come! Come!**

One: Come! Let us worship our  
God who listens to us...

**All: Whatever language we  
speak!**

One: Come! Let us worship  
our God who understands us...

**All: Whatever story  
we live and share!**

One: Come! Let us worship our  
God who loves us...

**All: Just as we are!**

# PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Be with us while we walk our Road to  
Emmaus...

Be with us as we share a simple ordinary  
meal with you

Rejoice with us as we recognize you more  
clearly with each tasty mouthful of familiar  
food...that you are alive and real in our  
midst!

May we open our hearts along with our eyes...to the resurrected Jesus during this hour of worship and beyond...that we become your Easter People of today...embracing all colors, nations, and races. **Amen**

**Great is thy Faithfulness**

Great is your faithfulness,

O God, Creator,

With you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change,

your compassions they fail not;

All of your goodness forever will be.

Great is your faithfulness!

Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed

your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness,

God unto me!

Summer and winter,  
and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To your great faithfulness,  
mercy, and love.



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All I have needed

your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness,

God unto me!

Pardon for sin and peace so enduring,  
Your own dear presence to cheer and  
to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,

Blessings all mine with ten thousand  
beside.

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your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness,

God unto me!

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a body of water and distant mountains. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a forest. The text 'Prayer of confession' is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font. The word 'Prayer' is in a larger, more decorative font, while 'of confession' is in a smaller, simpler script font.

Prayer  
of confession

**God of Surprises, God of Resurrection,  
God of Unity, We are still celebrating  
Easter! We can be blind to what is  
happening around us. AND we are still  
unsure about how to live out the message  
of resurrection. Give us the courage to fully  
open ourselves to you and to follow you  
that we become your hands, feet, love and  
presence while we walk with you in your  
world. Amen.**

## **\*Words of Assurance**

Liturgist: God shows God's love for us in that while we were, yet sinners Christ died for us.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**All: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# *Gloria Patri*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

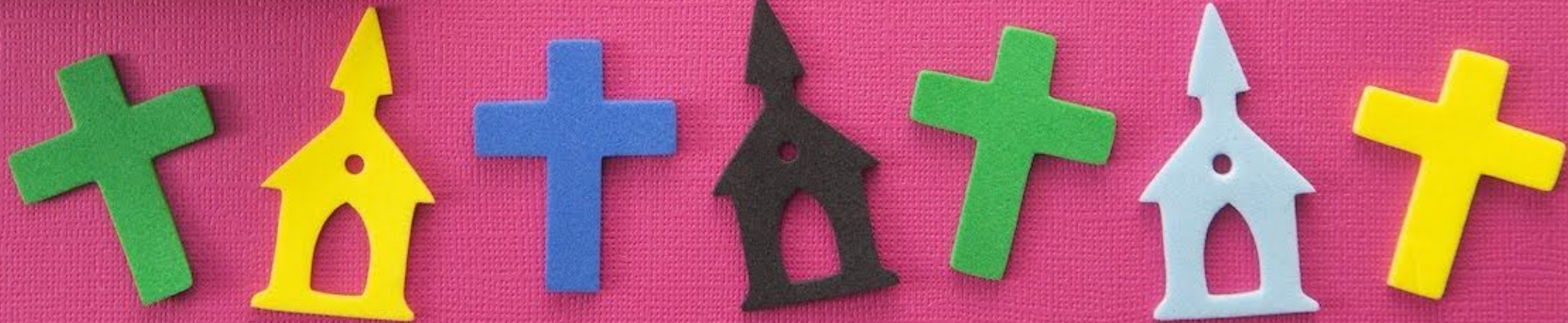
*Welcome  
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Announcements*





Holy  
Bible

# CHILDREN'S SERMON



## **Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] 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.

# THE SERMON



# **In the Garden**

I come to the garden alone, while  
the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear,  
falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.



And he walks with me, and  
he talks with me, and he tells  
me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we  
tarry there, none other has  
ever known

He speaks, and the sound of  
his voice is so sweet the  
birds hush their singing;  
And the melody the he gave  
to me within my heart is  
ringing.

And he walks with me, and  
he talks with me, and he tells  
me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we  
tarry there, none other has  
ever known

I'd stay in the garden with  
him, though the night around  
me be falling;

But he bids me go; though  
the voice of woe his voice to  
me is calling.

And he walks with me, and  
he talks with me, and he tells  
me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we  
tarry there, none other has  
ever known

# **Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

# ***“Cares Chorus”***

**I cast all of my cares upon you.  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And any time I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all of my cares upon you.**



# Invitation

## Offertory Music

OFFERING  
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD





# *Doxology*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

# **\*Offering Prayer**

**Giving God, receive this portion of the gifts you have given to us. May our time, treasure, and talent be magnified and multiplied for your glory. Amen.**

# **Rock of Ages**

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me  
hide; my shelter be!

Let the water and the blood, from  
your wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse  
me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill your law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
you must save, and you alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to your cross I cling;  
Naked, come to you for dress;  
helpless, look to you for grace;  
Stained, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
    meet you at your  
    judgement throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide; my shelter be!



*Benediction  
& Blessing*