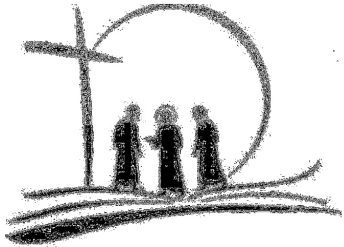


Third Sunday of Easter  
Theme: Moving Forward – Astounded

Sunday, April 19, 2026



“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.” Luke 24:15-16

### *GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “My Lord, What a Morning” Robert Lau

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, we gather today as people with the usual week of news reports, media posts, and reels that so often inundate us with information, worry, and stress.

**People:** As the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

Leader: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

**People:** As the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don’t always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

Leader: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**People:** As the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God’s Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Leader: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**People:** We will let the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship and beyond. AMEN

\*Hymn: #267 “Come Christians Join to Sing”

\*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we allow the joy to burn low or hoard its blessings rather than share them.

Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those struggling to find a way. Revive us and those You would bring to us when the light of hope grows dim. In Jesus’ name we pray, AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Leader: O Risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus you were the disciples’ companion and You are ours. Be at our side on the journey of our efforts to believe and on all of life’s pathways. Help us to welcome others and listen to their stories.

**People:** At every encounter, the Christ who walks with us provides the courage we need and engenders our trust. For that we depend and are grateful.

### *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23 and Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: “On the Road Again”

Hymn - “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (*please see insert*)

### *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts A Reading from Psalm 116

\*The Doxology - #606 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Astounding God of the road and the table, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened.**

**Let our offerings reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, signs of our gratitude and hope and commitment to the call to share good news. Use our gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every Emmaus moment. We give because we have seen you—alive, loving, and leading us still. In Jesus' name, AMEN.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that those alongside us may know You through us and that we may know You through them.

**People: As we leave, we will strive to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs the power of Resurrection.**

Leader: Taking courage and blessing from the Risen Christ, we leave as bearers of astounding good news. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

*Postlude:*

“Alleluias”

Robert Lau

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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