



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

Third Week of Easter

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord

* HYMN #324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God , we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and minds. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, merciful God. Amend what we are and direct what we shall be so that we walk in love and obey your commands. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

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

THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us.

They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON **"Burning Hearts, Opened Mind"** **Rev. Dr. David Fisher**

*** HYMN #363** **"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN # 354

“Guide My Feet”

BENEDICTION


POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

WELCOME TO CRANSTON! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We send two emails each week to those interested: an invitation to worship and a summary of prayer concerns and announcements. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Pastor David Annett, pastor@cranstonchurch.org.



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