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Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the basket at the end of the pews. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

*For our worship through Eastertide we invite you to meditate on a different question each week as part of our worship, and then to write a response to the question on one of the colored pieces of paper provided. Then, during the final hymn, crumple your piece of paper into a ball and bring it forward to place it in the basket at the front of the sanctuary. These pieces of paper will then be used as part of a community art project that will be revealed on Pentecost Sunday. The question for today is: *What about communion reveals Jesus to you?**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

arr. Prim

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Easter is not an event that has occurred, it's an adventure that has begun. Easter is not a place that we have visited, but a path on which we stand...

ALL: ...a story not complete, but unfolding. Characters still breathing, stations still teeming with the promise of new life, not just for you and me but for all people, in all places...

One: ...a cosmic crux, a turning point of time.

ALL: Easter is the season of wild hope, of dangerous intent, of potent promise...

One: ...where the future flaps unfurled in the Spirit's breeze...

ALL: ...where hopes bubble with uncorked effervescence...

One: ...where toes tap to free-form rhythms...

ALL: ...where rainbow hues splash empty canvas.

One: This day we continue the journey. We re-enter the story to explore our questions, to uncover our doubts, to face our nagging need.

ALL: We walk the path of two who traveled a dusty road, wrapped in confusion and despair, two who shared the company of a stranger, voicing their pain, airing their fears, and in the listening heard words of hope and promise, and in the eating received true bread of life.

One: This day we re-enter the story with expectation that Christ will also reveal himself to us in sights and sounds, in words and symbols, and in bread and wine.

ALL: Risen Christ, walk with us this day. Be our companion and guide, be our teacher and friend, be our host and servant, bringing your gifts of faith, peace, hope, and deep joy.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 67** (black hymnal)

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: O Jesus Christ, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to find you beside us. We walk on, so focused on our questions that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with us, and enlighten our journeying.

Silent Reflection

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL: Stay with us, Jesus. Reach out toward us, and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. As we look at our lives, and the world around us, we are sometimes too anxious to share our real questions or doubts and fears. We keep them within us in troubled silence.

Silent Reflection

ALL: Stay with us, Jesus. Reach out toward us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. We call your name, O Christ, and hope to discover you here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 493 (red hymnal)

Gloria Patri

ALL SING: 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.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 13-35

MESSAGE

MIDDLE HYMN NO. 255 (black hymnal)

Jesus, Sovereign, Savior

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM**

Come and Sing

by Lau

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

13 Folds

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 551 (red hymnal)

Doxology

ALL SING: 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: As Christ revealed himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the breaking of the bread, so too does Christ reveal himself to us at this table. Jesus offers gifts of bread and cup to all who wish to know him more deeply, and so this table is open to all who seek Christ. When we gather here we receive a glimpse of the Kingdom that is to come. When we gather here our eyes are opened to all of the miraculous possibilities that God has made available to us in Christ's resurrection.

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Let us thank God for the miracle of new birth!

ALL: Thanks and praise to the One who brings us life!

One: O God, we come to this table together as your children. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we need you to reveal your presence to us in this world. You walk with us, and yet we do not see you. We give you thanks for persistently pursuing us. You are the source of all that is good in this world, and we praise you for every miracle that you have made possible – especially the resurrection of your Son Jesus. We thank you for continually reminding us of his resurrection – and for reminding us that we are promised new life in you. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, when our eyes are opened we can't help but to share what we have seen – and so we join in praise with your children everywhere, in all times and in all places saying:

ALL: Hallelujah, hallelujah! Jesus Christ really *has* risen! Praise the God of new beginnings and new life!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE JUICE

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS (all cups contain grape juice)

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: O God, at this table we have touched, and tasted, and we have seen the signs of your love for us. Grant that we may continue on our Eastertide journey, eyes opened and hearts filled with your love, to share in the good news of your grace and the new life that you bring. We thank you for the gifts of bread and cup, as they connect us to the resurrected Christ. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 99 (black hymnal)

Abide With Me

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION NO. 277 (black hymnal, v. 1)

Holy, Holy, Holy

ALL SING: Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! Early in the morning we praise your majesty. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*POSTLUDE

Here, O My Lord I See Thee

by Werriner

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our parents by Deb & Terry Barnes.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Eastertide worship team for all their work in planning the Eastertide services by Church Council.

Thank you to the Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service today.

Thank you to the Eastertide Worship Team for planning today's service. The team consists of Elaine Bevivino, Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, & Pastor Jeff.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Jodi Graham, Natalie Behrends, Mary Jane Snyder, & Tim Snyder

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Joe Vacante, Bob Katherman, Lana Fritz, David Firestone, & Bonnie Murphy

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff

WOW Kids: David & Brigitte Bradnick

¹The call to worship was written by Craig Mitchell (2005) & Iona Community in *Emmaus Worship Service*, originally posted on *Mountain Masala: Exploring Spirituality, Culture, Media, and Cuisine* http://craigmitchell.typepad.com/mountain_masala/files/emmaus%20worship%20service.pdf. Accessed on the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/04/emmaus-road-call-to-worship.html> on May 21, 2019.

²The prayer of confession comes from *Words for Worship*, originally posted with permission to share in worship at <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/website>. Accessed at the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/prayer-of-confession-emmaus-road.html> on May 21, 2019.

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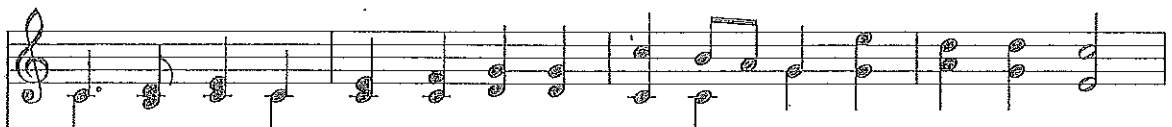
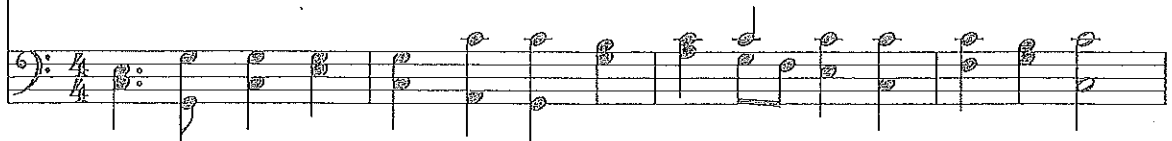
Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

Benjamin Schmolck, 1732

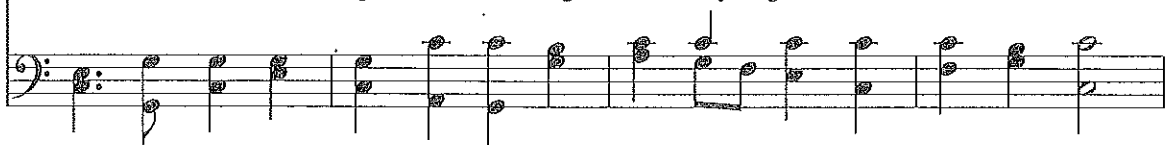
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
 2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
 3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
 4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.



Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
 Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
 Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
 In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.



Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
 Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
 Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
 Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.



5 Re - in - force me, weak and fail - ing,
 mak - ing sure your pre - cious word—
 (Thieves and e - vil un - a - vail - ing)—
 lives with - in my heart se - cured.
 Shin - ing word, my star - ry guide,
 plant - ed for me, deep in - side.

6 Let me hear when you com - mand me,
 let me leap to do your will.
 When I wan - der, rep - ri - mand me,
 com - fort me when I lie ill.
 In the hour of si - lent dread,
 feed me with your heav - en - ly bread.

A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
 Joachim Neander, 1680

*Luke 24:13-48; John 20:19-23**Patrick M. Kirkland (1857-1943); alt.*

1 Je - sus, Sov - ereign, Sav - ior, once for sin - ners slain,
 2 Faith-ful ones com - mun - ing towards the close of day,
 3 In the up - per cham - ber, fol - low-ers, in fear,

cru - ci - fied in weak - ness, raised in power to reign,
 des - o - late and wea - ry, met you on the way.
 gath - ered sad and trou - bled, there you did ap - pear.

Dwell - ing now im - mor - tal, end - less in your days,
 So, when sun is set - ting, come to us and show
 Christ, be pres - ent with us, bid our sor - rows cease;

un - to you be glo - ry, hon - or, bless - ing, praise.
 your truth, and with - in us make our hearts to glow.
 breath - ing on us, Sav - ior, say, "I give you peace."

Patrick M. Kirkland ministered to a Presbyterian church in Cheshire, England, for forty years. Named for a village near Bristol, King's Weston is one of several fine hymn tunes written by the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Tune: KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 15:55

Henry F. Lyte, 1847; alt.

1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The shad - ows deep - en, Lord, with me a - bide;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 I need your grace to foil the tempt - er's power.
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Christ who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if you a - bide with me.
 In life, in death, O Christ, a - bide with me.

Following the final sermon of his career, Henry F. Lyte handed a copy of this recently written hymn to a relative. He died two months later. The tune by W. H. Monk has contributed greatly to the popularity of the hymn.

Tune: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.
 William H. Monk, 1861