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COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Easter is not an event that has occurred It's an adventure that has begun
not a place that we have visited but a path on which we stand
- Two: Easter is a story not complete, but unfolding, characters still breathing
Places still teeming with the promise of new life
not just for you and me but for all people, in all places
- One: Easter is the season of wild hope and of potent promise
where the future flaps unfurled in the spirit's breeze
- Two: Where hopes bubble with uncorked effervescence
- One: where toes tap to free-form rhythms and rainbow hues splash empty
canvas
- Two: With those long ago disciples on the way to Emmaus we continue the
journey
- One: we re-enter the story to explore our questions, to uncover our doubts
to face our nagging need
- Two: We walk the path of two who traveled a dusty road wrapped in confusion
and despair who shared the company of a stranger voicing their pain and
airing their fears
- One: and who in the listening, heard words of hope and promise
and in the eating received the true bread of life
- Two: So today we re-enter the story with expectation that Christ
will also reveal himself to us.
- ALL: Risen Christ, walk with us, be our companion and guide; be our
teacher and friend; and stay with us bringing your gifts of faith,
peace and hope, and deep joy as always Amen.**

OPENING HYMN Jesus Sovereign Savior #255

**Jesus, Sovereign, Savior, once for sinners slain,
crucified in weakness, raised in power to reign,
Dwelling now immortal, endless in your days,
unto you be glory, honor, blessing, praise.**

**Faithful ones communing towards the close of day,
desolate and weary, met you on the way.
So, when sun is setting, come to us and show
your truth, and within us make our hearts to glow.**

**In the upper chamber, followers, in fear,
gathered sad and troubled, there you did appear.
Christ, be present with us, bid our sorrows cease;
breathing on us, Savior, say “I give you peace.”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**ALL: Mysterious and Divine Presence, Too often our hearts burn within us
because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us
and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you
in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is
never far, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...”**

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.**

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL READING 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.

One: God is Still Speaking.

ALL: Thanks Be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE

"Recognizing Jesus "

Reverend Patty Dodds

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

DEDICATION PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

ALL: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

CLOSING HYMN Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One #253 verses 1 & 2

**Yours is the glory, resurrected One! Endless is the victory
you o'er death have won. Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;
conquered is the grave in which your body lay.**

**(Refrain): Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

**See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for
nothing you will fear. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.**

**(Refrain): Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

SENDING

**One: There is no weariness that Christ will not share; no anxious day that can
dawn, without Christ being there in our midst .**

**ALL: We need your presence on the long road, Lord. The road between
fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of
resurrection**

**One: There is no road to travel, no Christ-empty space, no enemy to face,
without Christ's grace.**

**ALL: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of
your company!**

One: Jesus, we pray: stand among us, in your risen power

**ALL: We leave this time of worship in faith that you journey with us in all
times
and places. Thanks be to God!**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace"

Worship Resources: Adapted from: Craig Mitchell (2005) & Iona Community. In "Emmaus Worship Service," posted on Mountain Masala

Carol Penner, posted on Leading in Worship.

Bruce Prewer, at Bruce Prewer's Home page

Announcements:

Bible Study Thursday at 7 pm by Zoom and Thursday at 1 pm in the narthex. *We are working our way through the Gospel of Luke, Join us!*

Are you part of a group in the church that should be part of the annual report? The deadline is this Tuesday, April 13th. Please submit all reports to Adrienne by this date!

Book Study: Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a time of Pandemic and Beyond by Matthew Fox. Next meeting will be today, April 11th, at 1:30 by Zoom. During this meeting we will review Chapter 2. If you have any questions, or need assistance in getting the book, please contact Pastor Patty.

Mark your Calendars for our upcoming Chicken Barbeques! The dates are May 22nd, July 17th and September 18th.

Next Sunday (weather permitting) we will gather for a drive in worship to celebrate Earth Day and to thank God for the beauty and wonder of creation. As part of our service we will bless some soil which you can take to your own gardens and plants.

Thank You for your continued support of our ministry. Checks may be mailed to the church: 450 West Main St Mountville, PA 17554, or click on the Donate button on our website.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

Next Sunday, April 24th, 2021, Scripture: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-35

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the
beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at
the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was
brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face
of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the
fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters
might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the
earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the
human race. “And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my
ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.
Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside
my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord;