

Easter Sunday – April 26, 2020
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord has heard your voice and the cries of your heart.

Lord, bring us peace and healing.

Rejoice and call upon the name of the Lord!

Praise be to you, oh God, who has raised us our savior Jesus Christ.

Bring your praises and your songs to the table of the Lord.

May our hearts and spirits rejoice in this day. Amen

*Hymn *Blessed Assurance*

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Pastoral Prayer

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead.

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your son our savior. You were

with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. So, we let many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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Scripture 1 Peter 2:19-20, 22-25 (The VOICE translation)

19 For grace is clearly at work when a person accepts undeserved pain and suffering and does so because he is mindful of God. **20** For what credit is there in enduring punishment you deserve? But if you do what is right and yet are punished and endure it patiently, God will be pleased with you.

The Anointed One suffered for us and left us His example so that we could follow in His steps. **23** When He was verbally abused, He didn't return the abuse; when He suffered, He didn't make threats *to cause suffering in return*; instead, He trusted that all would be put right by the One who is just when He judges. **24** He took on our sins in His body *when He died* on the cross^[e] so that we, being dead to sin, can live for righteousness. *As the Scripture says, "Through His wounds, you were healed."*^[f] **25** For there was a time when you were like sheep that wandered from the fold, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your lives.

Sermon

You Don't Deserve This

Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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*Benediction

Going Forth Song

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

