

APRIL 27, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER

CENTERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

PRELUDE

Ann Bartlow, organ

24 Pièces en Style Libre

Op 31 No. 8 Idylle mélancolique

Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

WELCOME

Ryan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship.

<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/> (Adapted)

One: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**All: The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

One: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,

we are in need of your company!

All: Join us on the journey, Lord, by your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction!

One: Risen Christ,

All: We are often lost and confused as we contemplate the pains of the world around us. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in our midst. In our encounters on the way, give us compassion to listen to one another's stories, patience to explain what may seem obvious to ourselves, and courage to make ourselves vulnerable, so that others may encounter you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.

WORD

ANTHEM

Chancel choir, Ann Bartlow, piano

This Joyful Eastertide (1685, 1997) J. Oudaen's David's Psalmen, 1685, arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1931-2012

Words: George R. Woodward, 1894, alt.

Music: J. Oudaen's David's Psalmen, 1685

arranged by Dale Grotenhuis (1931 - 2012)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.
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One: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace, confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

ALL: Great God of all creation, who are we that you are mindful of us? You who set the stars in motion, who launched waves crashing against the shore, who knows the heights and depth of world. You count the hairs on our heads, and call us each by name. You give us your wisdom and you uphold us with your Spirit. You tend to us and care for us, and we do not understand why. We cannot grasp your love for us, O God, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving. We become enmeshed by our own needs, wants, and desires, and we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles. Open wide before us the vista of your grace, and the expanse of your love, and the wonder of your healing power. Help us to see as you see, and to reach out as you reach out. Remind us once again of the sacredness of our ordinary, day-to-day lives. Through Christ, who is our example, we pray. Amen.

P: Friends, we are forgiven! We are free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God. Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

MESSAGE

“The Walk to Emmaus”

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

HYMN #317

Chancel choir, congregation, Ann Bartlow, organ

O Sons And Daughters, Let Us Sing, vs. 1, 6, 7, 9

Hymn Tune: O Filii Et Filiae

Words: Jean Tisserand, 15th Century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.

Music: 15th Century French Carol; Harmonization by Charles H. Webb, 1987

WONDER

MISSION MOMENT

Jeff Bryant, Legislative Advocacy Chair and Gordon Henley, Faith Foundation Chair

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

WHAT NOW?

PASTORAL PRAYER

Kris Neale

BLESSINGS FOR KRIS NEALE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

written by Melissa Lauber

A litany of gratitude and farewell

Leader: This morning, we celebrate the ministry of Kris Neale, who brought joy, an enthusiastic spirit, and a deep and abiding faith to the people of Faith United Methodist Church.

People: Her leadership, her vision, her willingness to enter into meaningful relationships, and her connection to Christ have enriched us and the church in so many ways.

Leader: Kris' profound intellect and open-heart grant her a fearlessness that has left an indelible mark on this congregation. We are a renewed people.

People: And as we remember her time with us, we will claim the gifts of the Spirit that she brought among us and shared so freely. May these same gifts continue to be hallmarks and

guiding lights as she begins her ministry at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Leader: Kris, we send you forth with gratitude, knowing that great things await you.

People: Kris, we send you forth with love and the certainty that the doors of Faith UMC are always open to you. Go in grace, go in peace, go with blessing.

HYMN 2: #316 *He Rose*

Chancel Choir, congregation, Ann Bartlow, organ
Hymn Tune: Ascensus
Words: Afro-American Spiritual
Music: Afro-American Spiritual, adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

SENDING FORTH

Kris Neale

POSTLUDE

Ann Bartlow, organ
O Filii et Filiae/O Sons and Daughters
by Lynn Trapp (living)

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Cora Miller

Altar Guild for April: Ann Coppersmith, Dawn Adair Johnson

Audio Visual Volunteers: Aaron Dowd, Debbie Spriggs, Brian Hahs

Chat Room Host: Linda Pickle

Congregational Welcome: Ann Coppersmith

Fellowship Hosts: Barbara Wege, Lesley Avery

Liturgist: Kristen Wayne

Money Counters: Jane Rall, Jim Johnston

Nursery Staff: Celia Schmidt, Tessa Ricketts

Preaching: Kris Neale

Sunday School Teachers – Elementary School: Frank Johnson, Sally Stolz Middle School:
Bill Beisner, Laura Basford

Welcome Team Hosts: Karen Johnston, Mike Coppersmith

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