

Welcome, Greeting, and Reconnecting!

Expressing Our Expectation of Joy

Leader: Who are you?
People: I am a child of God.
Leader: Who are we?
People: We are children of God, the family of faith.
Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?
People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God’s own.
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God’s Forgiveness (responsive)

Leader: In prayer together, let us ask for God’s forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers.
Lord, I’m sorry.
People: Forgive us, Lord.
Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it’s wrong. Lord, I’m sorry.
People: Forgive us, Lord.
Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I’m sorry.
People: Forgive us, Lord.
Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I’m sorry.
People: Forgive us, Lord.
Leader: God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us. Amen.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God’s Forgiveness

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had

happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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,²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?”

Message

Road to Emmaus

Breezy and Middle School Youth

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with 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.

Blessing and Sung Response

This Little Light of Mine

Welcome to the Family Service in the Family Chapel!

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March 30		Neila Cary
April 6		Neila Cary
April 13	Palm Sunday & (Easter Egg Hunt)	Families Stay in the Sanctuary
April 20	Easter	No Family Service
April 27	<i>Road to Emmaus</i>	Breezy and Middle School Youth
May 4	<i>Family Sunday</i>	Families Worship in the Sanctuary

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