

Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).

We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.

We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

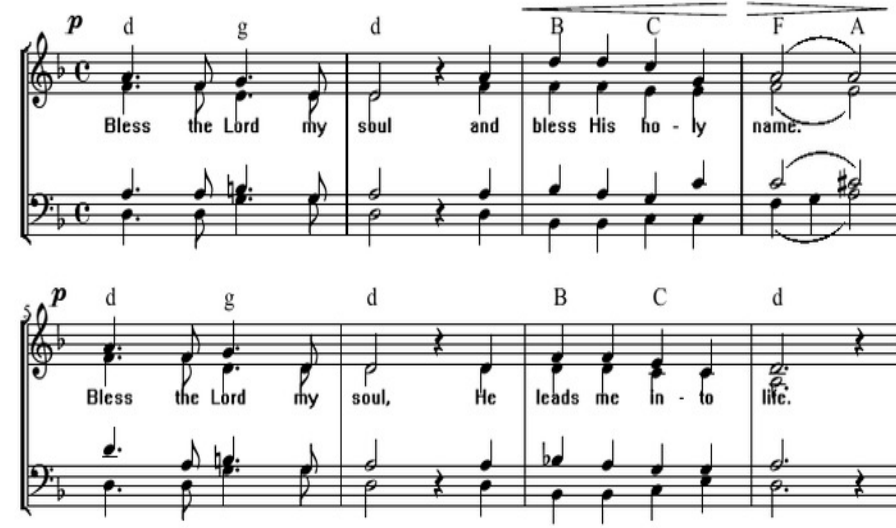
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

A Breath Prayer for the Easter Season:

"I put my trust in Your unfailing love."

Bless the Lord my soul

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Order of Worship
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The Third Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading from Psalm 116

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Sermon Series: The Spirit of Easter
Sermon: "Easter Revelation"
Scripture Reading: Acts 2.14a; 36-42
Luke 24.28-35

We Come to the Table

Prayers of the People
Song of preparation
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Sermon Reflection Guide

Acts 2.14a, 36-42

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should

we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Luke 24.28-35

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.

Question for Everyone

(1) I'm the sort of person who can't sit still, not even for a moment. Like a shark, I'll die if I stop moving. (10) I am the consummate couch potato; with snacks and a good Internet connection, I can remain immobile for hours. Where are you on this range?

Jesus on the Move

You get the feeling that the post-resurrection Jesus was on the move. There was no time to linger. It was time to

be about the mission. After Easter, Jesus was on the move, and he wanted his Church to get moving. If this is true, what is the church to do in the midst of a pandemic? How does one participate in the mission of Jesus in a pandemic?

Revelation On the Road to Emmaus

Jesus has this interesting ability to enter into ordinary moments, ordinary places, ordinary practices, and transform them, raising meaning up from the raw material of everyday human activities. When we are given the gift to see Divine Presence in ordinary spaces, we call this revelation. Talk about the way God reveals God's self to you. How has God gotten at you over the years? What means of revelation did God use to bring you to faith?

Stay with Us

The Stranger remains present to the disciples by their invitation. Whoever this Stranger is, he will not force himself upon unwilling people. The Stranger will allow us to go to Emmaus by ourselves if we want to. This story of these two grieving disciples could have gone in an entirely different direction if they had not offered hospitality to the Stranger. But because of their hospitality, the Stranger remained with them. How do you create hospitable space for Jesus?

The Church on the Move

The Church has been on the move ever since Jesus roamed this world like a virus infecting others with Jesus' unbelievable good news. When Jesus' followers arrive at a new location, they always do the same thing. They teach the Scriptures, and they share a meal hosted by Jesus. They commit to community and to a life of prayer. In the midst of teaching and shared life, Jesus reveals His presence. More people believe and they infect others. Would you consider yourself an infectious Christian? Why? Why not?