

# **Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church**

**April 26, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

**L:** Come! Gather into God's holy space and feel the presence of peace.

**P:** **It is the peace that God gives but we cannot understand.**

**L:** It is the peace that we experience and taste even in our brokenness.

**P:** **It is the peace that the world cannot give nor take away but we can have it.**

**L:** Let God's peace flow like a river during our good and not-so good times.

**P:** **We will be open to God's peace. It is with and among us. We have no doubt.**

**Hymn** "It Is Well with My Soul", vs. 1 & 2 UMH 377

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2: 36-41

**Children's Time with Mrs. Carney**

## **Opening Prayer**

**God of guidance, you have shown us the way to live in real communities and have genuine relationships. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, you reached out to all people. Help us to reach out to others that the joy of our faith will turn to true expression of your love. As we do, guide us to have a passion for sharing, and giving. But keep before us a clearer vision of evangelism and stewardship with the desirability of mercy and justice in all our relationships. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35

## **Pastor's Sunday Devotional for the People of God**

## **Prayers & Concerns**

## **Gift of Stewardship**

**God of guidance, as we continue to hear the good news of Christ's resurrection, empower us to do what you want. And as we offer our gifts, fill our hearts with generosity that is contagious enough to affect others. We give with thanksgiving for the love of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133  
vs. 1 & 3

## **Benediction**

## HYMNS

### It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

R It is well---with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. R

### Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

R Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near.  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. R

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.