



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, April 23, 2023**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

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**\*- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

### **Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *We Are Travelers on a Journey*

**Peter Black**

(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour**

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

**Introit** (please stand)

*This is the Day*

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.***

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## **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 116**

**Reader: Kathleen Mueller**

One: I love God because God has heard my voice.

***Many: Because God inclined an ear to me, I will call upon God as long as I live.***

One: I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of God:

***Many: "O God, I am your servant. Loose my bonds and set me free."***

One: God heard me and saved me. What shall I return to God for God's bounty to me?

***Many: I will lift up the cup of salvation and give thanks to God.***

One: I will give thanks to God in the presence of God's people.

***Many: I will offer thanksgiving and call upon God's name. Praise be to God!***

### **\*Opening Hymn,**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

(Black New Century Hymnal No.238)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

### **Unison Prayer**

*Earth Day Prayer*

***O God, as the Risen Christ made himself known to the disciples while on the road to Emmaus, accompany us, as we embark on our spiritual journey toward more truth and more Light. Open our eyes and make our hearts burn within us, as we live your inclusive gospel and bear witness to the power of your extravagant love in the world. Amen.***

### **Assurance of Grace and Peace**

One: Peace be with you.

***Many: And also with you.***

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

## **Passing the Peace**

*Metta Prayer*

***May I be at peace. May my heart remain open.***

***May I awaken to the light of my own true nature.***

***May I be healed and be a source of healing for all beings.***

***May we be at peace. May our hearts remain open.***

***May we awaken to the light of our own true nature.***

***May we be healed and be a source of healing for all beings.***

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

**Rev. Dawn Hutchings**

In today's gospel story, two of the disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Where is Emmaus? Historians tell us that there is no record of any village called Emmaus in any other ancient source other than Luke's gospel. We simply don't know where Emmaus might have been. Tradition tells us that it might have been a place just a few hours walk from Jerusalem. New Testament scholar Marcus Borg suggests that Emmaus is nowhere. He says, "Emmaus is nowhere because Emmaus is everywhere." Each and every one of us travels along the road to Emmaus. As we travel this road, we become aware that God is not dead. God is alive and well. God walks with us on the road. God is our companion on the road. The very word companion comes for the same Latin word that literally means "with bread." The companion is the one who breaks bread with us. It is in the intimate act of breaking bread, of sharing a meal with someone, that we come to know that person. When we meet a stranger on the road, we begin not with believing or not believing what that stranger has to say to us or what that stranger represents to us. We begin with the breaking of the bread. In the breaking of bread with the stranger, we will be able to recognize the divine presence that dwells in the stranger, and the stranger will be able to recognize the divine presence that dwells in us. It's time for us to reclaim that ancient ability to recognize the divine in the eyes of the stranger and, yes, even in the hearts of our enemies. Believing that God is alive is not the point. Behaving like God is alive is the beginning of compassion. For those of us who call ourselves Christian, recognizing Christ, recognizing the divine in the stranger, is the pathway to justice, peace, and mercy. Let it be so among us.

# Breaking Bread

## The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Acts 2:14a, 36-41

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

## The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

**All: *Glory to you, O Christ.***

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Homily**  
Sapienza

“Nowhere and Everywhere” **Rev. Salvatore**

**Offering & Offertory**

*God Provides*

**Stan Greene and Peter Black**

Composers: Kirk Franklin

## Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

**Many: *Alleluia!***

One: O God,

**Many: *Hear our prayer.***

**\*Doxology**      *Alleluia, Give Thanks*

***Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.***

***Alleluia, alleluia give praise to our God.***

***Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen.***

***Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.***

***Alleluia, alleluia give praise to our God.***

## **\*Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

**Many:** *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many:** *We lift them up to God.*

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**Many:** *It is good to give God thanks & praise*

## **\*Creation's Praise** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy, God ruler almighty.*

*Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God.*

*Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.*

*(Please be seated)*

## **Breaking of the Bread** *A Communion Hymn*

*This we do in remembrance of You, this we do to honor you; Oh-h-h-h--*

*This we do in remembrance of You, because you have bid us to.*

*(Repeat after verse)*

## **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

*(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)*

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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 trespasses,*

*as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the*

*glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Hymn of Sending**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*  
(Black New Century Hymnal No.347)  
(Find Music at the end of this program)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
**Peter Black**

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## We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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*Henry Alford, 1844; alt.**John 20:24-29**Unison*

1 We live by faith and not by sight;  
 2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
 3 Help then, O Christ, our un-belief;  
 4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gracious words we hear From Christ who spoke as  
 nor fol-low where Christ trod; But in con-fess-ing  
 and may our faith a-bound To call on you when  
 in realms of clear-er light We may be-hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
 we re-joice: our Sav-ior and our God!  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end-less sight.

*As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.*

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.  
*Samuel McFarland, c. 1816*  
 Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

# Let It Breathe on Me

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Magnolia Lewis-Butts, 1941; alt.

Job 33:4; Ezek. 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

1 Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the breath of the  
2 While I'm work - ing, God, in your vine - yard here, I can - not  
3 When the path - way, God, I can - not see, when the way is

The first system of the score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef. The music is written in a key with one sharp (F#). The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the upper staff.

Spir - it breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, let it  
serve with - out you near; O come, blessed Spir - it, so  
hard, O breathe on me; Give me grace to know when

The second system of the score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef. The music is written in a key with one sharp (F#). The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the upper staff.

breathe on me, let the breath of God now breathe on me.  
close to me that I may feel you breathe on me.  
you are near, then, I pray, O Spir - it, breathe on me.

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