

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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April 26, 2020

Third Sunday after Easter

WE GATHER

Prelude: "O Beautiful Gaia"

Welcome

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Spiritual Focus:

*"All grief, suffering, pain, misery, and lament of life
is confronted by the Hope, Peace, Joy and
the Love of God – Jesus the Christ."*

Gathering Call:

Dearly Beloved, by his cross, Jesus showed the world what it means to LOVE wastefully. By his rising we are free from the fear of death. By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Let us rejoice and sing our Alleluias, with confidence in the God who loves and holds us in a never-ending embrace of Love.

WE APPROACH GOD

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, here today. May we see the love of Jesus through everyone that we break bread with and with those you would like us to break bread with as well. We pray in the name of the One who was and is and will be forever and ever, Your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

MV 120 "My Soul Cries Out"

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination:

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. **Amen.**

Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

Word of Life "Unexpected PRESENCE..."

Rev. Takouhi

MV 138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Our Offertory:

Partnering with God to help Miracles be Visible.

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication:

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with the risen Christ, who lives in the world, in us and through us today and always. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Commissioning & Benediction

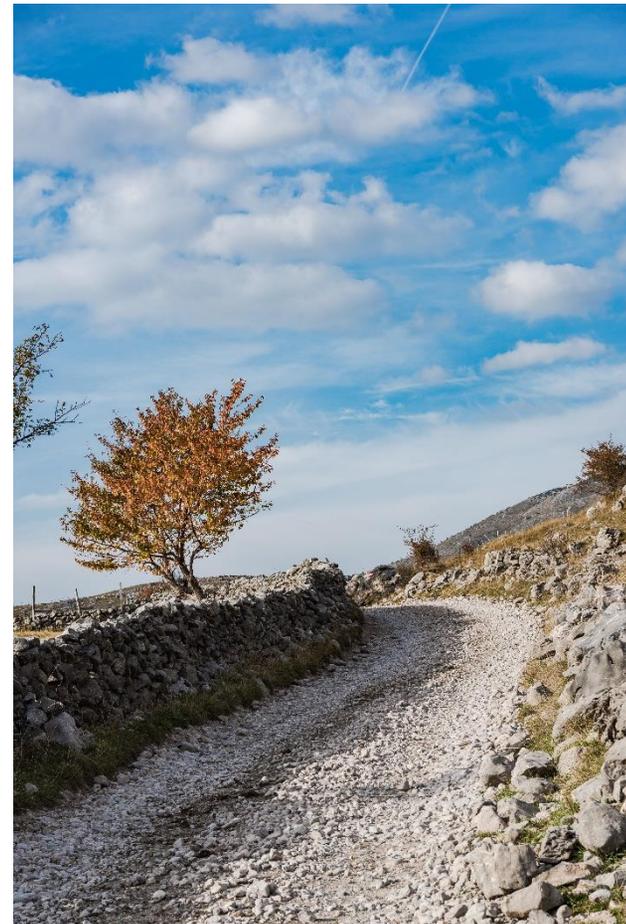
MV 218 *"May the Love of the Lord"*

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"Dashed hopes to burning hearts. Confession to Lord's Supper. Disappointment to joy. This is the movement of the Christian faith and experience because it is, finally, the movement from cross to empty tomb and from death to life. The road is before us. Jesus walks with us."

The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose

***Our Churches United
The Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge***



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