Ringing of the Bell

Opening Voluntary Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing Healey Willan

Welcome Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship

The Lord has heard our voice and the cries of our hearts.
Gracious God, bring us peace and comfort.
Let us rejoice and call on the name of the Lord!
The Lord who protects and saves us through the Risen Christ.
Let us come together in the courts of the house of the Lord, with thanksgiving and praise. Alleluia.
Friends, let us worship God and proclaim the love of Christ together.

Hymn 257 The Risen Christ Woodlands

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ’s body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

Invitation to Confession Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, hear our cries that are being lifted up to you.
As uncertainty of tomorrow surrounds us with fear and anxiety, we are prone

to be caught in the web of the worldly deceptions. Through your loving kindness, help us to turn and to seek your guidance. Forgive us for not trusting your Word and promises. Open our eyes that we may see you walking and leading us in our journey. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.
Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And those with whom we worship.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading


Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then 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?” He 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and 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. Some 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.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Musical Interlude

Interlude  
Healey Willan

Second Scripture Reading


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.

Sermon

Grow by Walking  
Rev. Christian K. Choi  

Text: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”  
-Luke 24:32
Music

On Eagle’s Wings
Michael Joncas, arr. Mark Hayes

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”
And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. (Refrain)
The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day.
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
For to His angels He’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Haofang Chuang, Soprano

The Church at Prayer

Music

The Lord’s Prayer
Albert Hay Malotte

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.

Haofang Chuang, Soprano

Introduction to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, our Redeemer, by your grace receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your steadfast presence. Make our lives an acceptable offering as we surrender ourselves to your will and to walking with our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Haofang Chuang, Soprano

Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
Dunlap’s Creek

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

Festival
Healey Willan

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Haofang Chuang, Soprano
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox, Videographer