

May 8, 2011

10:00 a.m.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

MISSION MOMENT

Jonny Drew

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Loving God, we gather to proclaim the risen Christ. Whether we find him in worship, in the world, or along the road of life, you hear our cries and respond in your steadfast love.

P: Alleluia, he is come!

L: We wait and watch for the promise of Christ to open our eyes; we wait for the Holy Spirit to descend upon our hearts.

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L: As we enter this time of holy reflection, renewal, and forgiveness, we seek the hope of the early church, the faith of the disciples, and the love of Jesus.

P: Alleluia, he is come! Amen.

***HYMN** *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* UMH No. 454

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lord of love and parent of us all, we come to you this day with so many things in our hearts. For some today is a day of celebration of motherhood; for others the focus is on the family; but for some family brings back painful memories of hurt, alienation, and abandonment. Forgive us when we think that our celebration and our joy should be everyone’s joy and celebration. Help us to be aware of the needs of others for whom this is not a happy time. Let us look for ways of providing ministries of healing love and nurturing hope; for we ask this in Christ’s Name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *“Lead Me, Lord”* UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 24:13-35*

SERMON ***On the Road Again*** *Rev. Stephen Cady*

***HYMN** *“O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread”* UMH No. 613

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of grace, accept our offerings of love and our commitment to work for your people. May our offering show our acceptance of your many gifts, and may they be offerings of hospitality. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Abide with Me”* UMH No. 700

***CIRCLE OF LOVE** o *“Send Forth by God’s Blessing”* No. 664

***LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

***Those who are able, please stand.**