



Third Sunday of Easter

# On the Way

Luke 24: 13-35

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**United Church of Christ Congregational**  
**Spearfish, South Dakota**

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Third Sunday of Easter**

April 19, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME to our service today. We hope you find this time of worship meaningful and uplifting and will join us again soon. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

**\*All who are able may stand.**

**Please wear your nametags & turn off your cell phones.**

**Prelude**

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

**\*Choral Call  
to Worship**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Gather today with glad hearts!

**Congregation: Our souls rejoice for God is with us!**

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Liturgist: He is showing us a new and living Way.

**Congregation: A Way of love, mercy, and peace.**

Liturgist: Yes, but also a Way familiar with suffering and sacrifice, receiving and giving.

**Congregation: The Way of Jesus?**

Liturgist: The Way of Jesus who brings life from death and hope from despair.

**Congregation: We know that He is with us on the Way, whether in sorrow or joy.**

Liturgist: Yes! So, we gather with glad hearts...

**ALL: We rejoice for God is with us!**

**\*Hymn**      *Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You*      No. 510

### **Invocation**

Liturgist: Risen Christ, just as You walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, walk with us today. Open our hearts to Your Word and open our eyes to Your presence. Allow us to see and know You, and strengthened for our journey, allow us to proclaim You. We gather to hear Your voice and to know Your touch so that we may begin to see and know You in one another,

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in our community, and in all the places we walk from here. Stay with us, Lord, on the way until we are afire with the joy and love of new life that You bring. Lead us now to where You would have us go! With faith and hope, as one we pray, and we say together:

**People: Amen.**

**A New Creed**

Pg. 887

**\*Unison Response**    Glory to the Creator

No. 759

**Glory to the Creator  
The Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

*Amazing Grace*

Holly Hedge

Arr. Moore

Choir Director

**Welcome and Opportunities**

**Call to Prayer**

FWS No. 2193

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayer of Our Savior**

**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.**

**Choir Response** *Hear Our Prayer*

**Hear our prayer, O Lord,**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord**

**Incline thine ear to us**

**and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings**

Liturgist: Our offerings are a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the spirit of Jesus, the One who gave everything, even life itself, to proclaim the deep, deep love of God. In that love, the Church is to call all people to the promise of shalom – the promise of wholeness and peace, joy and hope – that we may live as one just as Jesus is one with the Father. So, let our offerings be not of monetary gifts alone, but of our time and talent as well, until the whole world may know that the love Jesus has for us is a love that is meant for all.

**Offertory**

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

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

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Congregation: Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of Your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people, building bridges across the artificial divides we have built. May the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure strengthen the Body of Christ that we may be the love of Christ in the world, bringing unity and peace.**

Pastor: Bless these gifts and all who give to make Your love known. By the sure mercies of God, we pray.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*O Come to Me, You Weary*

No. 484

**Scripture**

Luke 24: 13-35

**Sermon**

*On the Way*

Todd Jones

**\*Closing Hymn**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

No. 493

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Benediction*

C. Barrows

**May God's blessings surround you today,  
as you trust Him and walk in His way;  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.**

**\*Postlude**

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

**Prayer List:** World, National, and Local leaders. Paula Cottrill; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); Grayson Chapeau; Pat Patterson (cancer); Rhian Elmid (sponsored child); Elsie Hanson; Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3<sup>rd</sup> round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; Lorrie Loobey (Jo Hansen's sister) and Martina Loobey (Jo Hansen's niece) for health concerns; Marna Bergstrom for recovery; John Daum; Hilda Locke; Joyce Collins; Carolyn Greenfield; Kathy Johnson (friend of Dana, recovery from bad fall); Karen and Bob Collins.

*Please let Shirley B. know if you have any updates or additions.*

**Kitchen Cleanup:** Volunteers are needed to help do a thorough clean up of the kitchen on Monday April 20 and Tuesday April 21 at 9:00 am each day. If you can help one or both days, please contact Shirley Jensen at 605-222-2250. Thank you!

**Women’s Fellowship Luncheon:** In lieu of a Women’s Fellowship meeting in May, they will meet at Kilian’s for at 1:00 pm on May 20 for lunch. All ladies are invited to join them, with each paying for their own lunch. To sign up, call Shirley Jenssen at 605-222-2250.

~ **APRIL 2026 CALENDAR** ~

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/19</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>4/20</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Kitchen Cleanup</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4/21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Kitchen Cleanup</b>
		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4/26</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4/28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>



## ~~ May 2026 CALENDAR ~~

<b>Sun</b>	<b>5/3</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion Fellowship</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Chapel at Edgewood</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5/10</b>		<b>Mother's Day</b>
		<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship Deacons' Meeting</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>5/19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship at Killian's</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5/24</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5/25</b>		<b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>5/26</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5/31</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>

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