

WELCOME TO...
The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

June 7th, 2015



“Wasn’t it
like a fire
burning
within us
when he
talked to
us”

*We need Jesus’ presence on the long road -
The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.*

*Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!*

**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

Hymn: Jesus stand among us

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Gathering: *You break in, O God, on the road you break in, O God,
exactly the way we don’t believe you break in, O God, and change everything*

You break in, O God with a call. You break in, O God with an invitation. You break in, O God with the truth. *You break in, O God with a new realm. You break in, O God with a new world You break in, O God with your intent for the future.* God, break in again and call us to be your workers. God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm. God, break in again and change our world once more.

Hymn: Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus (1)

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Our Confession: *Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus, Guide us on the path toward our destination, and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you. Without you we walk alone and dejected, a broken people in a broken world. Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us; Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love; empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen.*

Hymn: Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus (2)

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Luke 24:28-35 ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Stay with us, too, we pray, in every part of our journey, no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today. Through your Holy Spirit, we pray that you will open our eyes, too Help us see you as our risen Lord in all your beauty, and in all your loving power..

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

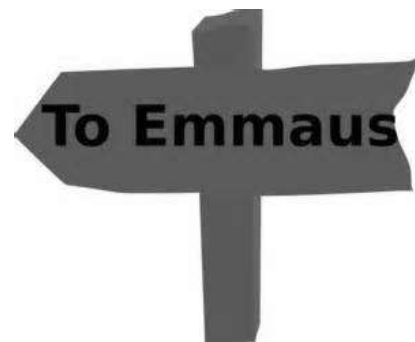
Our conversation: The Emmaus Movement The Emmaus Movement grew out of a desperate need for a renewed experience of the risen Christ within the Church. Too often we find ourselves going through the motions, being busy at religion without getting to the Christ of God. It is as if our eyes were shut to the truth that the living God of heaven and earth has walked with us and talked with us along life's narrow way, and we need to see Jesus, we need to reach out and touch him, we need to say that we love him.

The Emmaus Movement looked to the experience of the dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus and said: 'That's the church. We are walking that highway and we too often feel alone and in despair.' We need to know that we do not walk alone. We desperately need to be joined on the journey by the one who can teach us the meaning of the message

the message of the prophets
the message of the Messiah
the message of resurrection and eternal life.

It is such a desperately depressing journey when we walk alone, without hope, without confidence that God is with us. The Emmaus disciples had everything they needed for the journey but still were in a state of depression. It was in the breaking of bread that they finally recognized him that day.

Tired and worn and weary
and dejected and depressed,
now they could see!



Invitation: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We are also invited to sit with Jesus as we offer him our love, our devotion, these gifts. **May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.**

Hymn: Open my eyes that I may see 500
Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. (the prayer continues)*
Sustaining God, we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life. May this meal we share renew us and inspire us to join more fully with you as we walk together the road to peace and justice in the world. Amen.

Communion

Prayer following communion:

Sending:
When joy fills us We will walk together with Christ.
When our hearts are rejoicing We will walk together with Christ.
When we recognize Jesus sits, walks and stands beside us
We will walk together with Christ.
When we hear of pain and suffering of others
We will walk together with Christ.
When hearts are stricken by grief We will walk together with Christ.
When all around us is attacking our faith
We will walk together with Christ.
When doubt fills our days We will walk together with Christ.
When others are watching We will walk together with Christ.
As we lead others into the path of righteousness for His name's sake
We will walk together with Christ.