



Grand Avenue UMC
April 14, 2024

Welcome to Worship

Rev. David Fleming

Act of Praise – “Resurrection Morning”

Jubilee Bells with Lowella Cherry, piano

Children’s Sermon

Karla Hefty

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:13-35

Valerie Jackson

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. 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 – “Belong, Behave, Believe: The Walk to Emmaus”

Rev. Fleming



Please Register Your Attendance – Please use the following link to let us know you were watching: <http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

Ways to Give – Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at gaumch.org. Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Feed the Need – Our Outreach Ministry is collecting canned fruit for April. Place gifts-in-kind in baskets near the Sanctuary and Church Office, or make a donation by marking your check “for Outreach.”

Celebrate UM Outreach! Join us on Tuesday, April 23 from 10:00 am to noon for our “Grand Re-Opening” as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. United Methodist Outreach Thrift Store is now located at 116 Albert Pike. Cake & punch will be served.

Smoked Meat Sale Sponsored by Men’s Ministry – Our United Methodist Men are sponsoring a fundraiser, selling smoked Boston Butts for \$40. The meat will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, May 11. Profits will provide tuition scholarships for school children in Haiti. Tickets are available beginning this week from participating UMM members; orders will also be taken following worship for the next two Sundays.

New Study Opportunity - Join the Upper Room Class in studying “In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land” – Have you ever wondered what the Holy Land might have looked like through Jesus's eyes? The Open Door Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week study on Sunday April 7. This study featuring a basic text and video instruction by Max Lucado is an invitation to learn from meaningful insights on the people and places that shaped Jesus's life. We will consider three distinct aspects of Jesus' life:

- The arrival of the Savior
- Jesus's ministry
- The crossroads and the cross

With beautiful photographs and thoughtful questions for reflection, “In the Footsteps of the Savior” will take you on a journey through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the Jordan River, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. For more information, call the church office at 501-623-5626.

New Office Hours – Beginning in April our regular office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon.

The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Phone (501) 623-5626; email grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net