

Welcome to Worship

April 23, 2023

Prelude *All Beautiful the March of Days ~ Gary Norian*

Gathering Hymn *Touch That Soothes and Heals ~ ACS 939*

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

Psalm 116 *I Love You, Lord ~ Jessica Ray Langdon* Grace Notes

I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Hymn of the Day *We Walk by Faith ~ ELW 635*

Musical Offering *Remembrance ~ Maher and Redman*

Communion Hymns *Here is Bread ~ ELW 483*

Sending Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises ~ ELW 535*

Postlude *Elite Syncopations ~ Scott Joplin*