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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 8, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

8:00am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

SONG: "The Power of the Cross"

1. Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then, Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

2. Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (*chorus*)

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath. Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (*chorus*)

4. Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love!

Chorus 2: This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost; We stand forgiven at the cross.

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

P. Holy and gracious God,
C. I CONFESS THAT I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU THIS DAY. SOME OF MY SIN I KNOW - THE THOUGHTS AND WORDS AND DEEDS OF WHICH I AM ASHAMED - BUT SOME IS KNOWN ONLY TO YOU. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I ASK FORGIVENESS. DELIVER AND RESTORE ME THAT I MAY REST IN PEACE.

P. By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise to serve him.

C. AMEN.

VERSES: (*Responses sung, TLH p. 32,33*)

P. O Lord, open Thou my lips
C. AND MY MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

P. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
C. MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME, O LORD. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. HALLELUJAH!

P. Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.
C. FOR HE IS OUR MAKER.

THE VENITE: (*Sung, TLH p. 33*)

Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land. Oh, come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-47

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ...36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and

for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

RESPONSE:

P. Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C. LORD, I LOVE THE HABITATION OF YOUR HOUSE AND THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY DWELLS.

P. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AMEN.

HYMN: #208 “Ye Sons and Daughters of the King” vs. 1,2,3,4,8

SERMON: Luke 24:13-35 "**Can You Recognize Jesus?**"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP:

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)

THE TE DEUM: *(Sung, TLH p. 35)*

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein; To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee; The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise Thee; the holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee: The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son, also the Holy Ghost, the comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeem-ed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be number-ed with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify Thee. And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

SONGS: "Blessing and Honor"

Chorus: Blessing and honor, glory and pow'r be unto the Lamb on the throne; Blessing and honor, glory and pow'r are Yours both now and forever, Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

1. You are the sacrifice, dying, You suffered Paying the greatest price, redeeming us unto God, redeeming us unto God. (*Chorus*)
2. You are the risen King, death could not hold You; Riding in victory, Your kingdom will never end, Your kingdom will never end. (*Chorus*)

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"Because He Lives"

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know he holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE
 PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MAY:
 May 8th, 22nd and 29th – 10:30 Service

Luke 24:13-35

"Can You Recognize Jesus?"

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his

glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

1. Why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus?
 - A. On the road:
 - B. At home:
 - C. In worship:
2. How does Jesus come to us today but we don't recognize him...
3. What effect does it have on us when Jesus doesn't do things like we think he should?
4. Jesus kept his disciples from recognizing him to _____.
5. Why were the disciples hearts "burning" when Jesus talked to them?
6. What did the disciples learn when they finally recognized Jesus?
7. What happens as Jesus opens our eyes to recognize him in our lives?