

August 2-Written Service

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Special music- Rashelle and Emma Jensen

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and the resurrection.

All: We come as children of the Father;

Leader: Reconciled by grace through the Son

All: And filled with God's love through the Holy Spirit.

Song: Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.

Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.

Life and salvation His empire shall bring,

And joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Come, let us sing a song,

A song declaring we belong to Jesus,

He is all we need.

Lift up a heart of praise,

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;

Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray.

We will be ready, the dawn of that day.

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,

'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

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A song declaring we belong to Jesus,

He is all we need.

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Sing to the King.

Sing to the King.

Prayer

Song: How Can I Keep from Singing

There is an endless song echoes in my soul.
I hear the music ring.
And tho' the storms may come
I am holding on.
To the Rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love!

How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King,
And it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through,
And sing the songs You give.

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Announcements

Special Music: Pass it On sung by Rashelle and Emma Jensen

Congregational Prayer

Song: #89- Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (vs. 1,2,3,5)

Jesus, the very thought of Thee

With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now
And through eternity.

Offering/Offertory

Offering Song- Doxology

Offering Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture Luke 24:1-12; 36-49; 50-53

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Message

Intro-recap Luke

Today we wrap up our journey through the book of Luke

Following the life and ministry of Jesus for the past 15 weeks

We’ve seen Him bring good news for all people

Both proclaimed by the angels at His birth and lived out every time He stopped to heal someone, to see the unseen members of society, to visit with the weak and the suffering, to call average people to be part of the kingdom He was building

We’ve seen Jesus teach things that turn our world and our societies (then and now) upside down

Blessing for the hungry, the weak, the mourning, the poor

Forgiveness instead of retribution

Greatness defined by how much we serve others

We’ve seen Him give His life for ours

Last week, reading about His body taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb

Scriptures

Today’s passages are readings that we’ve done over the past week

But I couldn’t end with putting Jesus in the tomb

We had to come back and wrap everything up

Because the story has to include what comes next

And the ending is **unbelievable**

I want us to look at how the people in these passages experience all these things

Slides wondering/doubting/not believing

Look at the language used when they first hear this

Over and over, it’s the same reaction

In the passage we cut and used with the kids, it's the same
They don't recognize Jesus
They talk about how much they'd hoped He was real
And they're depressed by His death
We all have things we just can not believe until it happens
Walking on the moon
Cubs winning the world series
All of those moments that take our breath away and leave us asking, "did that really just happen?"
What they had already seen and experienced
These men and women had seen a lot from Jesus
All the miracles
Water into wine
Walking on water
Calming a raging storm
Healing blindness, leprosy, death, bleeding, paralysis
Getting Peter to pay attention to something longer than 5 minutes
They've seen the impossible
But this was somehow different
This was a step further than anything they'd seen before
Not someone called back to life for a little while by a prophet
But someone raised with no prophet and raised in a way that was special
He was the same, but more
And they wondered about it all, they doubted, they were uncertain
This was simply too good to actually be true
For the disciples who had already seen and heard everything else Jesus did, the end confirms the message
This wasn't just good teaching
It was true, it was real, it contained a power greater than death itself
And they moved slowly from doubt to hearing it all with joy and amazement
Asking themselves and one another again, "can all this be real?"
How do they move to belief?
It happens when they meet Jesus
Until it is shown/revealed to them
One other interesting similarity that we'll come back to in a minute
How so we turning "knowing" Jesus into worshipping and obeying Him?
As they moved from doubt to belief, their actions change
In the final passage, what do we see them doing?
They worship Jesus (we don't see the very much at all before the resurrection)
And they obey (they follow His final commands)
That's the movement for us as well

We hear the stories, if you've been with us for all or part of the past few months, we've been reading them each week

People today are generally positive about Jesus

People like Him

But there's a difference between reading about Jesus or liking Jesus and having it change your life

To discover that it's not just a good story we've been reading

But it's actually true

And His power and divinity are proven

It changes how we receive it

That's when the unbelievable become our belief

And our lives shift to worshipping and obeying Him

Move to communion

We had said a minute ago that it was when people met Jesus or had things revealed to them that they finally accepted it

There was one other repeated detail mentioned in these passages

Food

Jesus happened when broke bread with the people on the road to Emmaeus

It was when He ate fish in the presence of His disciples

There's something about sharing a meal together than convinces people that Jesus is who He says He is

That's part of what we capture when we share THIS meal

When we bread this bread together

We talk about it as a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope

And we do remember everything that Jesus did

Especially as we wrap up our journey through Luke, we remember the life and teaching recorded there

And we hope for the day He returns

We just read about His ascension back to heaven

But it's also a feast of communion

Our lives united to the life of Jesus

In life, in death, and in new life

Let us join together as we remember, as we hope, and as we communion with Jesus

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song: #45- Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 1,3,4)

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own!

Crown Him the Lord of life!
Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Benediction

Postlude