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UNITED METHODIST

Thunder Road

God Is in the Radio

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Trinity Sunday

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Amazing Grace

Arr. Dan Chadburn
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Call to Worship

One: Sometimes the road is quiet, and we don't realize who's walking beside us.

All: Sometimes grace whispers, and we almost miss it.

One: But Christ is here—in the breaking of bread, in the words of a stranger, in the music that echoes hope.

All: Our hearts burn within us; something stirs that we can't quite name.

One: So come, take the first step. The door is open. The road is calling.

All: We are not alone. Christ walks with us still.

One: This is the place. This is the moment.

All: Let our eyes be opened and our hearts set free.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

Congregational Introit

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People –

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Arr. Donal Moore

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSVue)

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.

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem

Holy Ground

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Message

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WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering –

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury/Arr. Melody Bober
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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

All: God of resurrection and hope, you meet us on the road, but we often fail to recognize you. We walk with heavy hearts, haunted by regrets, dragging old burdens behind us. You speak, but we don't always listen. You invite, but we hesitate at the door. We confess the ways we hold back—from grace, from change, from the truth that sets us free. Forgive us, Holy One, for the times we stay in the driveway when you're calling us to the road. Warm our hearts. Open our eyes. Make us brave enough to follow. Amen.

One: Beloved, even when we don't recognize the presence of Christ, Christ is already walking with us. He breaks bread with us. He opens the road ahead. Grace is not earned—it is given. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Maker, in Whom We Live

UMH 88

1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive, for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.
2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"
3. Spirit of Holiness, Let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.
4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

† Benediction

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

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