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# *WORSHIP SERVICE*

*Pastor Allysa De Wolf*  
19 April 2026

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

#### GROUNDING SONG:

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Here's a thoughtful call to worship inspired by Luke 24:13-35, where the disciples encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus. It was written by Carol Penner.

#### **Call to Worship**

(based on Luke 24:13-35)

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.  
The road between fear and hope,  
the road between the place where all is lost  
and the place of resurrection.  
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,  
we are in need of your company!  
Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,  
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

SHARED SINGING: "Abide With Me", NCH 99

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response, "Sanctuary", by Thompson & Scruggs

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me", arranged by Terhune

Featuring Allysa De Wolf, accompanied by Sam Peters

SCRIPTURE: NRSVue Luke 24:13-35

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: THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Pastor Allysa De Wolf

INVITATION TO SHARE

#### DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above ye heav'nly host;*

*Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost*

SHARED SINGING: "Open the Eyes of My Heart", (See Insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE