

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



Supper at Emmaus; He Qi

**May 3, 2015  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.*

***Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Child care (2-3yrs) and Sunday School are provided during the service. Infants with a parent may enjoy our quiet room while listening to the service.  
**Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins and hearing devices for you.*

## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
Throughout the service the bold type is spoken by the congregation*

*PRELUDE                      “Le Prie-Dieu (A Meditation)”                      George Oldroyd*

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES*

*INTROIT                      “In the Presence of Your People”                      Brent S. Chambers, 1977*

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) (from Psalm 22)*

We gather to worship God,

**Who creates us and loves us;**

Who gifts us with diversity and formed us for community;

**Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

Let us worship God!

*\*HYMN #318                      “In Christ There Is No East or West”                      Alexander Reinagle*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)*

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world,

let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord’s resurrection love.

Led by your Good News, encourage us to put away our worries,

and to discard our fears. Inspire our minds to be open to your Spirit.

May we learn to love your children in all forms of diversity and by doing so, more faithfully imitate you, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

*\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

In Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are empowered to persist with love and unity in a world of division. Be thankful for our sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

#581

*Gloria Patri*

*CALL FOR OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

*"Because He Lives"*

*by William J. Gaither*

*\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)*

**Illuminating Spirit, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life guided by your Word so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-40*

A Reading of an excerpt of: *Hearts Unbound* by David Weiss

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 15: 4-8*

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*SERMON:*

*"Welcoming and Inclusive"*

*Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*

*ANTHEM*

*"Come and Feast"*

*Lee Dengler*

*SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

Wondrous Vine-grower, you make all things new in water and in Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today to new beginnings as a radically welcoming church family. Teach us to love and serve all as you would have us do.

**All: Holy God, we celebrate Your abundant care and mercy, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that Jesus joined a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh new beginning for his life.

**All: Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

**All: Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.**

At these meals, Jesus, and the women and men disciples resisted the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out an alternative reality – the Kin-dom of God – a place of love, justice, and mutuality. Today we celebrate these meals and ministries.

**Yet we remember at an evening meal in Emmaus, Jesus once again ate with the disciples. His execution wasn't the end. His presence and ministry continued in a new way. Jesus once more took bread, and having given thanks to You, Holy God, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, revealing that Your steadfast love is stronger than death – and your ministry, with us, for the sake of your Kin-dom, continues.**

The Kin-dom persisted and still persists today – through the many women and men who seek to be your resurrection community. Despite the divisions, violence, and injustice in the world, God continually brings forth renewed hope for love, justice, and mutuality to and through each of us.

**Therefore, Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and wine, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May the sharing of this food be a taste of your Kin-dom, Holy God, so we may be strengthened to be your joyful and hopeful disciples. And may we share in your Kin-dom of love, justice, and mutuality with those around us. Amen**

Holy God, bless each of your children here, and the meal we will share, so we may be opened to your abiding presence; nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your resurrection power. **Amen**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)*

**Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place and for giving us a taste of your Kin-dom in this meal. Please use this food to strengthen us to be your joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community. May your Spirit lead as you flow through us, healing God. Empower us for your service as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us saying: (The Lord's Prayer) Amen**

*HYMN #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love!" Ghanaian folk melody*

*\*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

*"Voluntary IV Edited"*

*Richard Peek*

Liturgists: *Kay Webb, Bill and Nancy Morgan, Emily Reeves, Brian Smith, and Jim Spahr*



***Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Gene and Carole Michel  
in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary on May 7<sup>th</sup>.***

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**Prayer Requests:** *Please include in your prayers  
Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member*

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Amy Tompkins as they mourn her mother, Mary Deaver Slater, who passed away on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Ted Crouch as they mourn his passing on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Jack Gaffney as they mourn his passing on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for Dave Nelson as he mourns the death of his brother in Oregon.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Sally Henderson as they mourn her passing, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Thomas Peugh as they mourn his recent passing.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Art Borchers who passed away on February 8, 2015.

*Please pray for those facing health issues*

Robert McNutt  
Pamela Sage  
Judy Bello  
Albert Reil  
Alan Reil  
David Downard  
John Baker  
Joyce Beckner

Lorraine Nichol  
Brooke Smith  
Ed and Fay St. John  
Bob and Marge Snater  
Marie Patchin  
Mary Olson  
Sharon Sorani  
Helen McKenzie

Julie Marquette  
Bill Moberly  
Dan Christian's family  
Krissy Healy  
Randy Pierce  
Joyce Cairns

*Those serving in our military*

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, U.S. Army, Fort Lewis, WA. David continues to serve in the Army as Chief of Cardiology at Madigan Hospital.

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**Photo Directory Sign-ups Begin in May!**

It's time for a new photo directory! Lifetouch will be here on **Tuesday June 2, Wednesday June 3 and Saturday June 13.**

Choose your time slot. Please sign up Sundays after church in May!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAYS NOON HOUR OF PRAYER**, meditative music and readings. Join us!

**SATURDAYS COMMUNITY GARDEN**, come out and help Saturdays at 9 am!

MAY 3 Sunday, 11:30 am **NEW MEMBER CLASS**: All who are interested in learning more about what it means to be a part of the church are invited!

MAY 3 Sunday, 11:15 am **PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS BEGIN!**

MAY 3 Sunday, 11:15 am **VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS!**

MAY 4 at 10 am on Mondays, *Easy Senior Exercise* in the Rose Room!

MAY 4 at 7 pm on Mondays, *Bible Study*, Fascinating Video Course on the New Testament taught by Professor Bart Ehrman of the UNC (in the Rose Rm).

MAY 10 Sunday, 7 pm **GIRL RISING DOCUMENTARY** – Mother's Day Event!

MAY 17 Sunday, 2 PM, **SONG OF SONOMA CONCERT!** Women's Barbershop Chorus! Admission is free but donations are welcomed.

MAY 19 Tuesday, 10:30 am **PW WOMEN: Getting to Know our Hispanic Neighbors** Lesson 9. Salad Potluck Luncheon 12:15 pm Birthday Offering Dedication

MAY 21 Thursday 3:30 pm **BOOK CLUB: The Big Sleep** by Raymond Chandler.  
A complex mystery novel. Copies available in the library.

MAY 23 Saturday, 2 pm **VOYAGERS THEATRE EVENT "Crazy For You"** at 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse. Order \$25 tickets from Vera Patten 838-4554 or Anita Pinney 573-0546. You'll go crazy for this musical filled with all your Gershwin favorites!

MAY 28 Thursday, 2 pm **FAVORITE FILM SERIES "Nebraska"** Winner of 6 Academy Awards including Best Film and Best Actor.

MAY 30 Saturday, 12 – 4 pm **SPRING FLING!** Open to the community! Join us for Food, Fun, Wine tasting, Fashion Show, Art Show, Silent Auction and Art Demonstration.



**Presbyterian  
Disaster  
Assistance is  
already in  
NEPAL**

**More help and prayer is needed.**

**See the insert in the bulletin!**



**Come out and  
work in our  
garden every  
Saturday at 9 am!**

**GARDEN**



Rose Signature  
Concert Series

Sunday

May 17

2:00 p.m.

Women  
Singing  
for  
Joy!



## Song of Sonoma Chorus

A Women's Barbershop Chorus  
Sharon Carlson: Director

Admission is free but donations are welcomed.

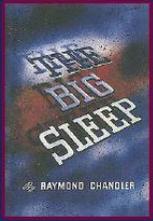
## Presbyterian Women Tuesday May 19

Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.  
Lesson Nine  
Salad Potluck Luncheon 12:15  
Birthday Offering Dedication



The Bravo Family

# Getting to Know our Hispanic Neighbors

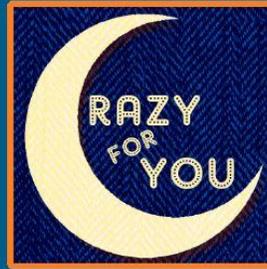


### Book Club

Thurs. May 21 3:30 P.M

## The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler

**A complex mystery novel  
Copies in the Library**

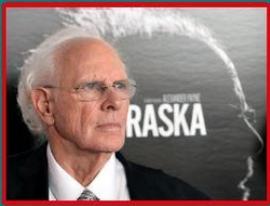


### Voyagers!

Sat. May 23 2:00 p.m.  
6th Street Playhouse

Order your \$25 tickets from  
Vera Patten 838-4554  
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You'll be crazy for this musical  
with all your favorite Gershwin songs.



Favorite Film Series  
Thurs. May 28  
2:00 p.m.  
in the Rose Room

## Nebraska

Winner of 6 Academy Awards including  
Best Film and Best Actor

# Spring Fling!

**\$15**  
donation

**Sat. May 30**

**12 - 4 pm**

**Luncheon**

**Art Show & Sale**

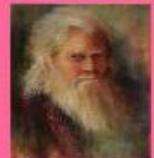
**Art Demo**

**Silent Auction**

**Fashion Show**

**Wine Tasting**

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