



Welcome to Worship

Rev. David Fleming

Act of Praise – “How Beautiful”

Lowella Cherry

Children’s Sermon

Ellen Clements

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:13-35

Dickey Cooley

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.

Act of Praise – “Blessed Assurance”

Mary Tom Taylor, Sheila McLarty, Barbara Ballard, and Brenda Matthews
Lowella Cherry, piano

Sermon – Dawning Faith – Reflections on My Faith Journey

Rev. Fleming



Please Register Your Attendance

Please use the following link to let us know you were watching:

<http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

Ways to Give

Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at gaumch.org. Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

You Can Now Give to the Church Through Texting

Grand Avenue has set up “Give by Text” through Vanco. You now have the opportunity to give online to some of our most popular giving funds, such as Community Meals, Blessing Box, Food for Backpacks, etc. To get started download the GIVE PLUS+ app from your app store. Search for Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. The app will allow you to set up a new account or log in to an existing account. You can also choose to give without setting up an account. Once you select give, you will have the option to give to our general fund or several other frequently used funds. Our unique 10 digit phone number is 844-926-3814. Text the following words to this number to give:

- GIVE—to give to the general fund
- PANTRY—to give to the Blessing Box fund
- STORE—to give to our Outreach fund
- KIDS—to give to Food for Backpacks
- MEALS—to give to Community Meals
- SENIORS—to give to Food for Seniors

You will be guided through setting up your account the first time you use Text to Give.

Strivers and Victory Sunday School Class Available Online

Each week the teachers of the Strivers and Victory Sunday School classes pre-record lessons using the “Adult Bible Studies.” Our lesson this week is entitled “Living By New Standards.” Based on 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, its purpose is to discover ways we are called to participate in ministries of reconciliation. You will find Andy Calloway’s teaching here: <https://youtu.be/VvTaIEj63Jc>

Update from the Re-launch Committee

The COVID numbers have been in steady decline in our county and our Trustees have voted to clear the way for us to return to “stage 2.5” for gatherings at Grand Avenue UMC. That means are returning to “in-person” worship beginning today, March 7. (We will continue to offer opportunities online for those who prefer.)

There are changes in our procedures as we return:

- We will not require pre-registration, and we will not be asking the CDC questions of everyone who enters.
- We will still take names and phone numbers for the purpose of contact tracing.
- We will take non-contact temperatures at the door for everyone who attends.
- We will require that masks be worn at all times when we are in the building, and we will observe social distancing.
- Seating by ushers in the sanctuary will allow worshipers to select the section of the room where they are seated as long as social distancing is observed.
- Worship will be the only activity offered on Sunday morning. “Table of Grace” will continue on Sunday evening. Classes and other small groups are welcome to meet in Fellowship Hall as before at times they arrange with the Church Office. Call 501-623-5626 to add your events to the schedule today.