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Communion

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.  
All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

### Approach

Gathering Song VU #184 – “As We Walked Home at Close of Day”

Call to Worship

One: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

**All: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.**

One: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of God.

**All: Open our hearts, to receive Your blessings.**

One: Let us come together in joy to worship God.

**All: Let us worship God, indeed.**

Prayer of Approach

**Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. O Holy One, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of Jesus our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the work world. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. AMEN.**

Recognition of Bible Adventure Teachers and LST members

\* Hymn VU #575 – “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

### The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Act 2: 14a, 36-41  
Luke 24: 13-35

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\* Hymn VU #354 – “In Old Galilee, When Sweet Breezes Blew”

Meditation – “Where is God in the world?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

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Anthem – “We Have Seen the Risen Lord”

### The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Judi Olson Chiswell

\* Offering / Response

**He is Lord! He is Lord!**

**He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow,**

**Every tongue confess**

**That Jesus Christ is Lord! (repeat)**

Celebration of Communion

One: May the God of Creation be with us all;

**All: God has been here since the beginning and will be here until the end.**

One: In our brokenness we come before you;

**All: Our hearts are open to Your healing presence.**

One: We praise the creator for all we have been given;

**All: It is good to praise God our creator.**

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy,**

**God of grace, compassion, and love,**

**The heavens and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Post Communion Prayer

**We come together in prayer for ourselves and the world. Watch, O God, with those who wake, or watch, or weep today, and send Your grace to all. Tend to Your sick ones, O God who heals. Give rest to Your weary ones, O God who nourishes. O God of compassion. Soothe all Your suffering ones, O God who comforts, and all for Your love's sake. We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. AMEN**  
(adapted from St. Augustine)

\* Hymn VU #373 – “As Comes the Breath of Spring”

\* Benediction / Response (MV #32)

**Halle, hallelujah,**

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**Hallelujah!**

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