



# First Parish of Westwood UCC

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of EASTER

## Gathering

### PREPARATION

By seeing to it that the needy were cared for, the early church came to embody the Old Testament ideal (cf. Deut. 15.4). Yet by sharing goods in common they also came to embody the Greek ideal which held that “for friends all things are common.” Clearly, Luke is presenting the early church as the embodiment of both the Jewish and Greek ideal community in which unity and charity thrive.

Fred Craddock, *Preaching Through the Christian Year, Year B*

### RINGING OF THE HOUR

Jesse Aguilar with Fina Aguilar

### WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Richard Edens, Interim Pastor

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

*Confidence* from 'Songs without Words'

Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. Sarah Tocco, Director of Music

## Encountering the Word

### LESSON

Reader: Sharon Hobbs

Luke 24:13-35, *NRSV*

*Rather than the articulate language of theology or scripture, the resurrected Christ is revealed in the intimate yet utterly common gesture of breaking bread.*

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.

A WORD FOR ALL AGES

*“Sleeping With Bread”*

read by Rev. Dr. Jill Edens

*Today we will share a story that is more about children than for children. It is a true story about adults discovering how to help orphaned children after WWII. It is a great story about offering a tangible symbol of hope but requires that children understand the historic context. We recommend it for middle school and older.*

MESSAGE

*“There Will Be Bread and Hope”*

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens, Interim Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Richard Edens, Interim Pastor

**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, for ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican Folk Song  
Dr. Sarah Tocco, Director of Music

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

## *Giving Thanks in Response to the Word*

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens, Interim Pastor

Until that day when we gather again in the sanctuary, please send your tithes and gifts for First Parish to the church office at 252 Nahatan Street, Westwood, MA 02090.

## *Sending*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens, Interim Pastor

BLESSING IN MUSIC

*Go in Peace*

First Parish Choir  
Dr. Sarah Tocco, Director of Music