

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
Culmore  
United Methodist Church

Welcome and  
Good Morning!



*Photo by Wonhee Kang*

# Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.  
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.  
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.  
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.  
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.  
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.  
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.  
The Lord bless and keep you.  
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.  
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.



## Responsive Reading: Psalm 16 (selected verses)

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.





I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

**With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

You make known to me the path of life.

**In your presence, there is fullness of joy.**

In your right hand, eternal delight.

# Lord, You Are Good



Lord, you are good  
And your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tribe  
From generation to generation  
We worship you – Hallelujah, Hallelujah

We worship you for who you are  
You are good, all the time  
And all the time, you are good



请记住，我永远和你在一起。

기억해라, 나는 항상 너와 함께 있다.

Recuerda, estoy contigo siempre.

זכור, אני איתך תמיד.

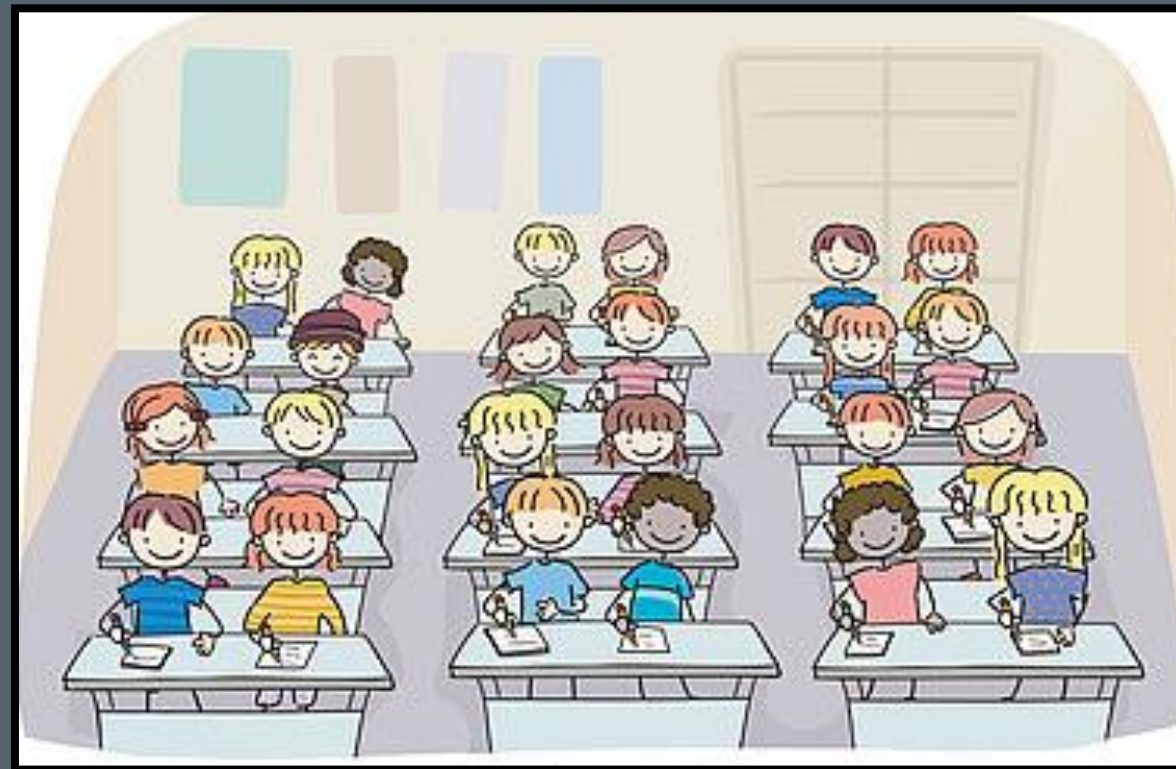
Remember, I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age.

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Tandaan mo, lagi kitang kasama.

N'oubliez pas que je suis toujours avec vous.

# Lessons for the Young and Young at Heart





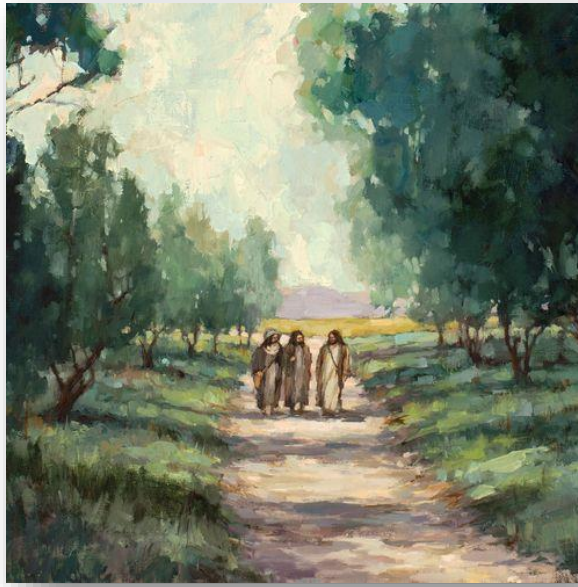




## Luke 24: 13-35 (selected verses)



Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.



He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

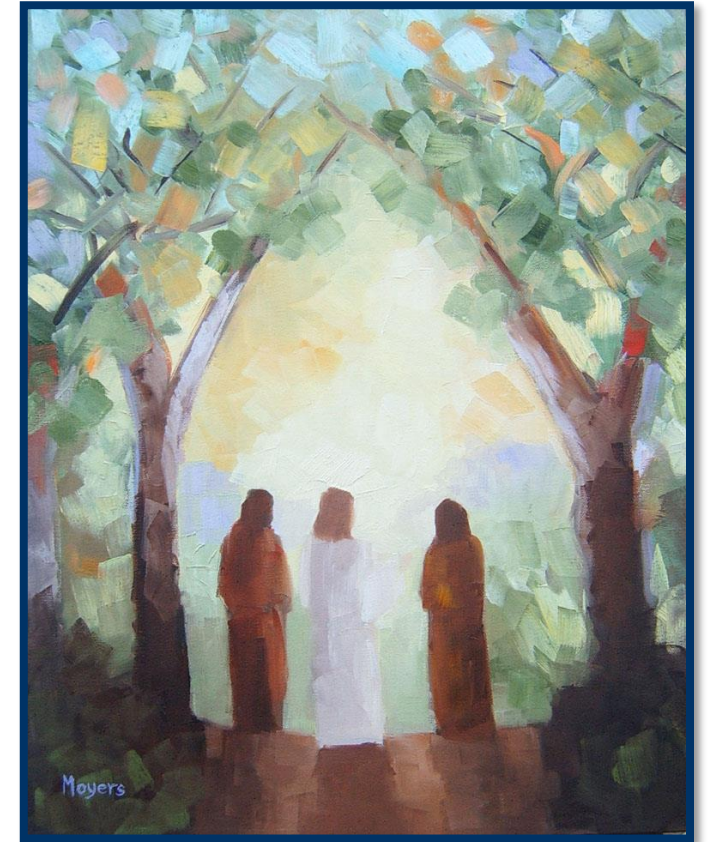
"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."



He said, "How foolish you are not to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

Then he explained to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.



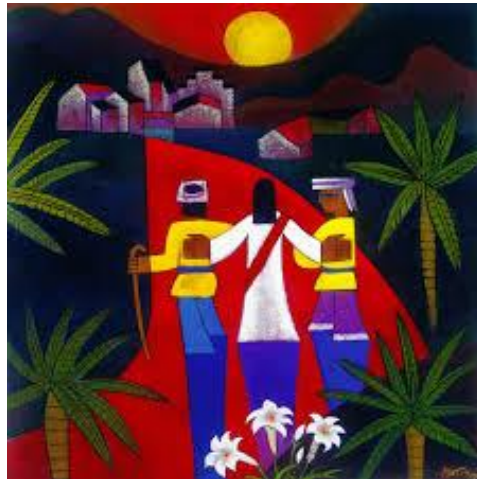
As they approached the village, Jesus acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."

So he went with them.



When he was at the table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

They asked each other: *Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?*



Reader #2



They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.  
There they told the other disciples, "It is true!  
The Lord has risen!"



# Opening Prayer

Eternal and loving God,

Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we sometimes don't recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives. Open our eyes to your Presence, your love, your guidance. Open our hearts to our neighbors and to welcome the stranger in our midst.

As we walk with you each day, help us see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly...each and every day.

*Amen*

# 1 Corinthians 3:2



I gave you milk, not solid food,  
for you were not yet ready for it.













# Day by Day

Day by day, day by day

O dear Lord, three things I pray:

- To see thee more clearly
- Love thee more dearly
- Follow thee more nearly

Day by day.

Day by day by day.









# Community Prayer

Loving Lord,

Like Your first disciples, there are many ways for us to experience Your Presence in our lives, but we don't always grasp the truth right there in front of us. Sometimes our understanding comes slow.

We give thanks that You are always there with us, even to the end of the age. What a blessed assurance this is! How it gives us courage and empowerment as we seek to grow ever closer, and love You more dearly day by day by day. **AMEN**



# Offering and Doxology

## UM Hymnal 95



We give thanks for this wonderful,  
generous community of faith.



# Benediction

*Art by Sue Carroll*