

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: We come on our journey, sometimes weary, sometimes wondering—like travelers on the road.

People: Yet even when we do not recognize Him, Christ walks with us.

L: When our hearts are heavy and hope feels distant, He draws near and listens.

P: He opens the Scriptures and speaks truth to our hearts.

L: When we gather at the table, He is made known in the breaking of the bread.

P: Our eyes are opened, and our hearts burn within us!

L: The risen Christ is with us—on the road, in the Word, at the table.

P: We rise with joy to worship Him!

L: Come, let us worship the One who meets us in every step of the journey.

ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn “Trust and Obey” Page 46

Opening Prayer

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Confession (Based on Luke 24)

L: Risen Lord, You walked beside your disciples on the road, yet they did not recognize You.

P: We confess that we, too, often fail to see You.

L: You are present in our lives, yet we are distracted by our worries.

P: You speak through your Word, yet we are slow to listen.

L: Like those travelers, we are slow of heart to believe—

P: slow to trust your promises, slow to hold onto hope,

L: slow to see your work in our lives.

P: Forgive us, Lord. When disappointment clouds our vision, when doubt dulls our faith,

L: When fear keeps us from recognizing your presence—have mercy on us.

P: Walk with us again. Open the Scriptures to us.

L: Reveal yourself in the breaking of the bread.

ALL: Set our hearts on fire with your truth and grace, that we may rise with renewed faith and joy.

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: The risen Christ does not abandon us in our confusion or doubt. He comes alongside us, walks with us, and speaks peace into our lives. Just as He opened the eyes of the disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread, so He reveals His grace to us. Our sins are forgiven. Our hearts are renewed. Our hope is restored. The same Christ who walked the Emmaus road now lives and meets us here. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and set free.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Offering “Springtime Again”

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*Hymn “I’m So Glad” Page 2151

Scripture Hebrews 12:1-3. Luke 24: 13-35.

Sermon: *As Jesus Walks With Us, Let Us Recognize Him*

Special Blessing for running the Boston Marathon for Diane Huban and her daughter, Rebecca.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn “Bind Us Together” Page 2226

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Paul Gannett

10:00 am: Linda Fermino

Coffee Hour

Jackie Schrafft

Lisa Kerkorian

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

The Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9 am till 2pm.

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Wednesday April 29, at 7pm in the Solarium. Zoom ID 899 3150 1754 Passcode 582 665.

Housing Assistance Corp. 3 mile Walk Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 pm. Leaving Veteran's Memorial Park in Hyannis. Register online or at start at 12:00 pm.

Bring in Quilts for Mother's Day, May 10, in Memory or Honor of a loved one. Due by May 7th.

Vacation Bible Camp will be held the week of August 17 -21. Contact Pastor Rebecca at 508-776-1374 if you are interested.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Lend a Hand is looking for more volunteers. We meet every Monday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

After the Storm destroyed our Driveway Trees, Carl Riedell and the Trustees are going to install 6 ft. Limelight Hydrangea trees in their place. You are welcome to donate toward the fund for these trees and their maintenance to honor or celebrate anyone or anything.

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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. - Luke 24: 32-35

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Brian Morris & Janet Leahy