

LITURGY OF THE WORD

APRIL 19, 2026 ☞ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PIANO PRELUDE	<i>My Tribute</i>	- Andraé Crouch
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Bob Curtis
SINGING BOWL		3 Rings: Creator, Christ & Holy Spirit
CALL TO WORSHIP		Luke 24:13-29
	One: We gather as sojourners on the road to discuss all that has happened.	
	Many: While talking, we sense a new presence, a fellow traveler.	
	One: "What are you talking about?" that one asks.	
	Many: We reply, "All the things happening around us, of course."	
	One: "What things?"	
	Many: We wonder whether this one has any clue. But after listening to us for a while, they begin to share and to open our minds, so we invite the traveling teacher to stay for dinner.	
* OPENING HYMN	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	#233
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE		Acts 2:40
	One: Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power masks itself as truth, convenience masquerades as goodness, indulgence imitates love.	
	Many: We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may live into the joy of Christ's resurrection... (silent prayer)	
* PASSING THE PEACE	The Peace of Christ be with you: And also with you.	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Tirza Dawn
CHILDREN'S PRAYER	ending with <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	
	Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...	
* HYMN	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	#543
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 24: 13 – 35</i>	Pew Bible, OT, p. 90
SERMON	<i>Emmaus Still Happens</i>	Rev. Gene Nelson



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers Terri Harper (Lead),
Ellen Jordan & Steve Reid
Piano J. Althea
Liturgists Bob Curtis, Tirza Dawn,
Rev. Kristen DelMonte & Anna Citrino
Preacher Rev. Gene Nelson
Mission Moment Monica Canfield-Lenfest
Worship Music Chancel Choir
Song Leader Andy DelMonte
Tech Team Henry Allen & Elia DelMonte
Chancel Flowers Garth Watson

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Congregational Administrator Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator Tirza Dawn
Choral Director Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist J. Althea
Handbell Director Karna Roa
Custodian Paul Louden



Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ,
teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.

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A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

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"In honor of Co's grandson, Evan, who will be getting married April 25, and all April
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