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The Walk To Emmaus

April 19, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #574 - Revive Us Again

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 116)

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

People: **Then I called on the name of the Lord; O Lord, save me!**

ALL: **The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simple-hearted; when I was in great need he saved me. Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.**

Opening Prayer:

God of love, keep us in your strong hands, and guide us into all truth by your Holy Spirit. Strengthen your Church in this place and equip us to do your work in the world. Thank you for your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Keep us true to your will and your way. Be with all those who need your healing touch today, especially those who feel there is no hope. Help us all to live and love more like you. In the powerful name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #495 – It Is Well With My Soul
Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger		

Scripture Text: Luke 24: 13 – 35 (NRSV)

The Walk to Emmaus

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, **16** but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. **18** 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?” **19** 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, **20** and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. **21** 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. **22** Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, **23** 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. **24** 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.” **25** Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! **26** Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” **27** Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. **29** 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. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. **32** 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?” **33** That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. **34** They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” **35** Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Scripture Readings - Luke 24: 13 – 35 (NRSV)

Sermon - “***The Walk to Emmaus***” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #564 - Let Us Break Bread Together

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Hymn of Invitation - #417 - Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.
And may the blessings of Almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, April 22nd

6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday

Friday, April 24th

4:00 p.m. - Rensselaer Urban Forestry Arbor Day Celebration

Sunday, April 26th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 4-13-26	8624.62
Expenses/Payroll x2	2182.30
Weekly Offering	1440.00
Difference	-742.30
Ending Balance	7882.32

Announcements

Week of April 12th - Attendance: 33; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live:

11; Approx. Views: 17 - 66

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:00

p.m. The meal will be provided by Dick & Karen Wiseman. Thank you Dick & Karen!

Rensselaer Urban Forestry: Join us for our Arbor Day celebration Friday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Brookside Park.

Beef & Noodle: We are looking for a volunteer to be Chairman for the Beef & Noodle dinner.

April Birthdays

- 1 - Helen Putman
- 5 - Phil Lewis
- 6 - Claude Grow
- 7 - Kathy Williams
- 10 - Patrick Williams, Jenny Craig
- 12 - Chase Eldridge
- 13 - Randy Grow, Ellis Gastineau
- 14 - Crystal Cover, Chad Maxwell
- 15 - Nathan Bailey
- 16 - Lisa Jackson
- 19 - Bethel Ford
- 21- Marcia Smith-Wood
- 24 - Verna McNeal
- 29 - Eileen Phegley, Kate DeWees

May Birthdays

- 2 - Beverly Dunlap
- 4 - Shirley Maxwell
- 5 - Phyllis Smith, Wendy Shirer
- 8 - Rose Nesius, Craig Hooker, Corey Dowds
- 9 - Justin Clemans
- 11 - Bona Hensler, Eric Yeoman
- 14 - Susie Smith
- 15 - Dorrie Lefler
- 22 - Lindsey Baker
- 23 - Stephen Henley
- 26 - Tonya Barker
- 28 - Eric Jackson
- 30 - Clay Whaley
- 31 - Travis Witherington

April Anniversaries

- 14 - Claude & Kim Grow - 1984
- 16 - Richard & Cathy Eldridge - 1983

May Anniversaries

- 3 - Gary & Julie Evers - 1980
- 16 - Craig & Lisa Jackson - 1992
- 18 - Ellis & Marsha Gastineau - 1968