

Luke 24:13-35

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.

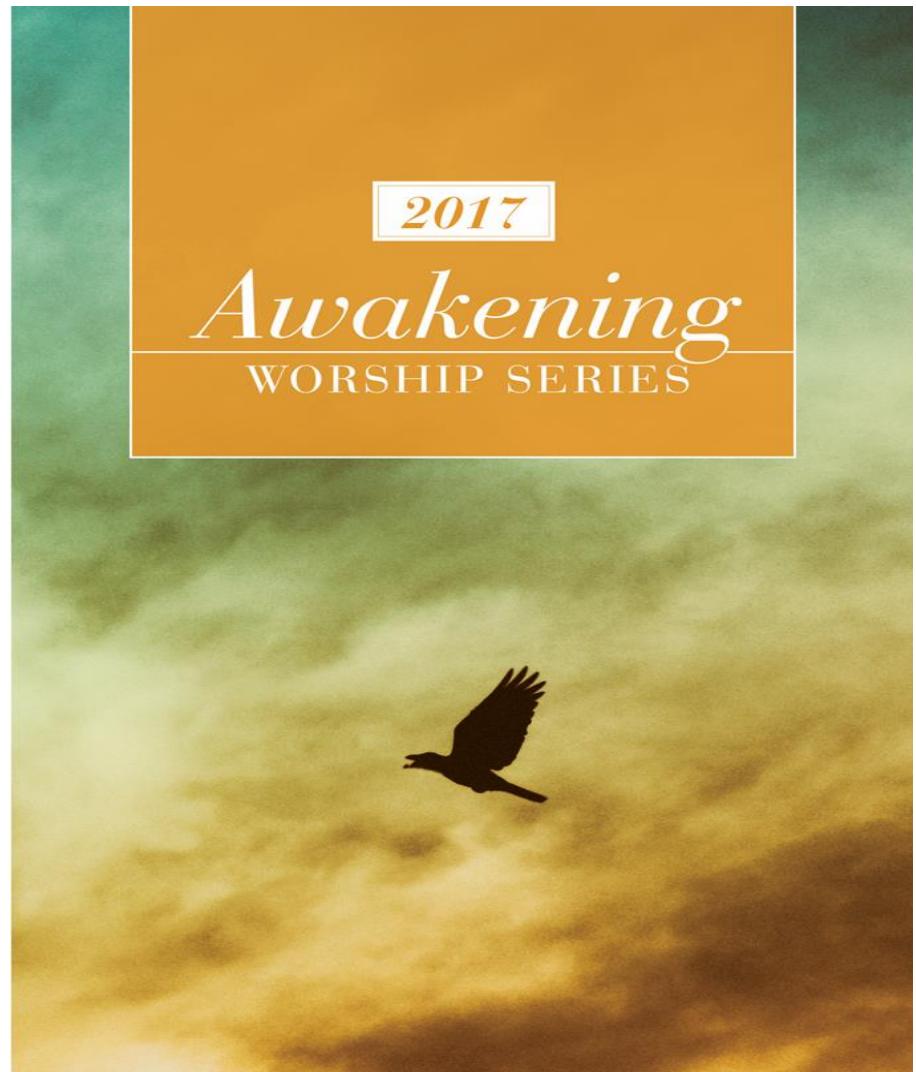
Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God 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.

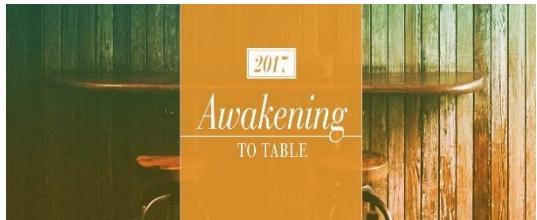


CHEL滕HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Awaking to Table

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PRELUDE and CANDLE LIGHTING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Christ walks alongside us on our journey.

PEOPLE: We often do not recognize his presence.

Leader: And yet, do our hearts not burn within us?

PEOPLE: Our hearts burn when we *hear the hope* of the gospel.

Leader: And yet, do our hearts not burn within us?

PEOPLE: Our hearts burn when we *experience the grace* of God.

Leader: And yet, do our hearts not burn within us?

PEOPLE: Our hearts burn when we *bear witness to suffering*.

Leader: We should all have burning hearts:

PEOPLE: To be beacons of light in the darkness and to be messengers of the good news;

Leader: To be prophets who speak out courageously against the spiritual forces of wickedness;

PEOPLE: To be healers who bring the warmth of compassion and love.

Leader: May it be so for the greater glory of God! Let us pray.

ALL: Lord Jesus, walking with us on the way, you open us and all our senses to knowledge and awe through all you have made. Open us now to wisdom in the proclaiming and hearing of your Word. Amen.

***HYMN: "The Servant Song" #2222**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: "Cares Chorus" #2215

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY-** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings..." #95 UMH

ANTHEM

***SCRIPTURE READING-** Luke 24:13-35

***HYMN –** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #349

SERMON – "Take, Bless, Break, Give"

***HYMN –** "Come Share the Lord" #2269 TFWS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Christ Beside Me" #2166 TFWS

PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the **TFWS – The Faith We Sing** and **UMH- United Methodist Hymnal**

***Please stand as you are able.**

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here! We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.

