Normandy Park United Church of Christ



CWS/CROP Walk Sunday May 1, 2022

Bolded text is read and sung in unison

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WORDS OF GATHERING

Holy One, Source of Life

You are the one who walks with us when we are weary In our emptiness

You surprise us with your presence

In your abundance

You reveal yourself to us and break bread with us.

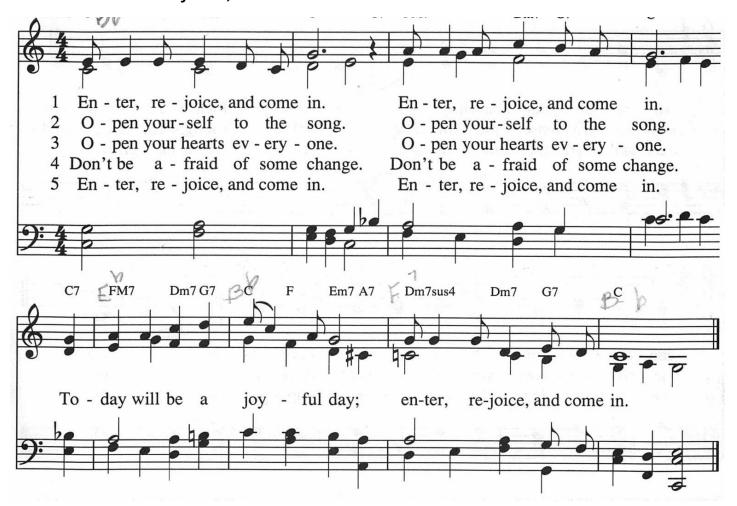
With a love that conquers death

You remind us we are yours.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

To the resurrected one who walks with us! Amen.

SONG ~ "Enter Rejoice, and Come In"



OPENING PRAYER

COMMISSIONING OF CROP WALKERS: SHARED BLESSINGS

We support and give thanks for all who are walking today In our Highline area CROP Hunger Walk.

You represent all of us as you walk to share our blessings With siblings in need around the world.

We have been blessed.

God has given to each of us many gifts, blessings and talents – None earned, none deserved.

That is why in faith we acknowledge that all that we have, All that we are, all that we shall ever be, is a gift from God – A gift of which we are but stewards.

We will strive to be good stewards of the gifts we have received.

When I can say: "I have a home,"

We say: "Let us walk so that all may have safe shelter."

When I can say: "I have food,"

We say: "Let us walk so that none in our world will go hungry."

When I can say: "I have plenty to drink,"

We say: "Let us walk so that none shall thirst."

When I can say: "I have employment and a livelihood,"

We say: "Let us walk so that others might be able

To provide for themselves and their families."

When I can say: "I have gone to school and now teach others,"

We say: "Let us walk so that schools might be available

To children everywhere."

We love the Lord our God...

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

And our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

SONG ~ "For Hunger's Sake"

Step out and undertake,

A Walk for Hunger's sake:

Give thanks for who you are;

A partner in the strife

For shelter, food and life...

Give Faith and Hope and Love!

Step out and walk the mile,
Bring joy and give a smile;
Greet everyone you see;
A child whose eyes reveal
The sadness and appeal
Give gifts that will be real!

Step out for CROP WALK'S cause, Walk tall, and do not pause:
You count with passions strong;
To fill the world's great need;
In actions more than creed...
Give Grace and Peace and Light!

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION
God who walks with us,
Forgive us
When we have not loved ourselves
When we have not loved our neighbors
When we do not recognize you or your work in the world
When we have doubted your power to heal
Forgive us
Engage us
Reshape our imaginations
Trade our complacency for your courage,
Our pettiness for your possibility.
Our greed for your goodness
Our aimlessness and for your adventure

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our lives for your love.

Siblings in Christ—hear the good news.
God has not abandoned us
God has not sent us out to find our own way.
God is with us, all around us, at work within us.
In the name of all that is,
You are welcome
Into the grace, mercy, and forgiveness
Of the God who lives, Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM ~ "O God You Send Us Out to Walk"

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY ~ *Luke 24:13-30*

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.

SERMON ~ "Mistaken Identity"





COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (or Our Mother, or 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP





JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Amanda, Steve and Mark's friend
- Bill, Judy's friend
- Charlein, George, and Judi,
 Connie and Jeff's friends
- Christine S. and her brothers
- Debbie, Dawn's mother
- Donna and Bob, Debbie's mother and stepfather

- Ida, Jason, and Phyllis, Nancy
 S.'s sister, nephew, and
 sister-in-law
- Kelly, C.B.'s sister
- Michael, Sue B.'s friend
- Paula, Nancy A.'s friend
- The Vaughan family
- Yoko S.

PASTORAL PRAYER

AMEN x5

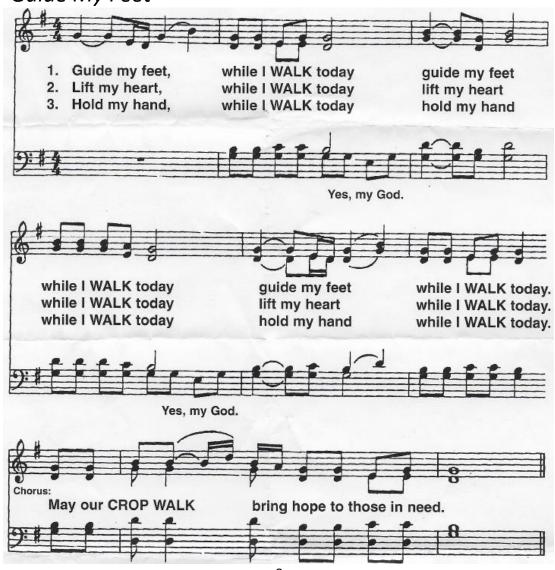
TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

BLESSING

SONG ~ "Guide My Feet"



POSTLUDE

Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Ellick Pastor: Rev. Amy Hitchens Ministers: Every One of Us

Director of Music: Kevin Peterson

Lay Leader: Max W.
Greeter: Cathy B.
Flowers: Connie C.
Coffee Hour: Dorine S.

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