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The person must be some kind of teacher, because he talks about the scriptures. You and your friend are fascinated. Before you know it, you've arrived at your home and it's getting dark.

You invite the person to have supper with you and spend the night. Also you want to hear more of what he has to say. He graciously accepts your offer.

The first thing you do when you get home is prepare dinner. The three of you sit down to eat. Then the person takes the bread and blesses it. You feel a strange energy move through you and hover in the room.

Where have you heard this sort of blessing before?

The stranger hands each of you a piece of the bread. You take the bread and remember the hillside with many hungry people. You remember loaves and fish being multiplied to feed all the hungry people.

Suddenly, it is clear who this man is, eating at your table. You look into Jesus' face.

What do you see? What is his expression? What do you feel? What do you know in the truth of your heart?

Your friend barely gets the words out—"Why, it's Jesus!"—when the person vanishes.

You finish your meal. How healing to eat the bread blessed by Jesus! You look at each other and know what you must do. You have to go back to Jerusalem and tell Jesus' other followers.

What do you talk about on the way back to Jerusalem?

You are traveling at night, something you never do. What does it feel like to be on the road at such a strange hour?

What thoughts run through your mind on this journey?

How has your perspective changed, now that you have met the resurrected Jesus?

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During this time of physical distancing, we will worship together virtually. You may join worship on our fbcjc.org website, FBC YouTube channel, or our First Baptist Church—FBCJC Facebook Page. Today's worship guide provides a brief service outline and activities for individuals and families to try this week.

SONG— *I'll Fly Away* (Brumley; CCLI #784796)

I'll fly away, O, glory! I'll fly away!
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away!
Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away,
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away!

WELCOME AND PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME—The Real You

SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 119:1-12

Read by Bart, Mandee, Landon, Garrett, and Hayden Carney

SONG—*Amazing Grace* (Newton)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone (Tomlin; CCLI #784796)

My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me;
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace!

Grace Greater than Our Sin (Johnston/Towner)

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG—*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* (Stanphill; CCLI #784796)

Many things about tomorrow,
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand!

SCRIPTURE—Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE—Learning to Walk with the Risen Christ

Following Christ involves paying attention and remaining open to the brand new.

CLOSING PRAYER



INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Imaginative prayer is an enduring prayer practice using your (you guessed it) imagination to be in God's presence. On your own, or with your family, find a comfortable position. Children may enjoy lying on the floor. Close your eyes and take a moment to breathe deeply. As you read the following adaptation of today's Gospel story, aloud or silently, picture yourself in the story. Allow yourself to receive what God has for you during this time of prayer.

Imaginative Prayer: A Meeting on the Road to Emmaus

(adapted from Vinita Hampton Wright, ignatianspirituality.com)

It's a long walk home from Jerusalem. The physical work of walking might ease, just slightly, the harder work that's going on inside you today.

It is the work of grief. You lost a friend just a few days ago. Not only a friend, but your leader, your beloved teacher. You remember the terrible way he died. You close your eyes and see him on the cross.

At least your friend is with you as you walk. You bear your grief together now. As you walk and walk through the long, rainy afternoon, you remember what the teacher said, and the people Jesus healed. You and your friend talk, and then sometimes you stop talking and cry.

A person you do not know joins you while you are still several miles from home. The person does not seem to know what has been going on in Jerusalem. You tell him the story.

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