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We Had Hoped: Learning to Belong Again

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Howard

One: Hear the good news: On the road to Emmaus, Christ came near to those who had lost hope, who misunderstood the story, who did not even recognize him. He did not turn them away. He walked with them. He sat at the table with them. So it is with us. Christ has come near—not to condemn, but to restore us, to reshape us, and to lead us into life. In Christ, you are forgiven. You are loved.

All: **We had hoped. Now we belong. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Message for the Young at Heart

Rev. Howard

* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children through grade 8 are dismissed to Sunday School)

* Praise Response

Seek Ye First

No. 354

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Sermon

"We Had Hoped: Learning to Belong"

Rev. Howard

Hymn of Response

I Love to Tell the Story

No. 480

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Howard

Anthem

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord (Robert Thygerson)

Federated Choir;
Marcia Snively, piano

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Howard

* Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 595



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

* **Benediction**

Rev. Howard

Postlude *Darwell's 148th (Before You Lord, We Bow)* (B. Harbach) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Depart in Peace

Now, go in love to serve.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Creation Care Sunday
Sunday, April 26th, 10 AM
Cliff Aerie and the Oikos Ensemble

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