Order of Worship: Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Renee's message will focus on Jesus' third resurrection appearance in the Gospel of John. Here we see Jesus, along the shoreline, cooking breakfast for his disciples over a charcoal fire. This story would seem to suggest, that if you want to know where to find the resurrected Christ in this world, you will meet him in the most ordinary of circumstances, like the experience of sharing a meal together, where friendship and hospitality are shared.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #267 HWB - Christ has risen

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Luke 24:30-35 (NIV) When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Hymn: #283 HWB - Christ who left his home in glory

Scripture: John 21:1-15 (NIV) Brenda - Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Message: By the charcoal fire ~ Renee Sauder

Hymn of Response: #269 HWB - Thine is the glory

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #428 HWB - Lord let us now depart in peace

Benediction

Postlude

*Please join us downstairs for congregational discussion/coffee time.

Announcements

*** May 4. As part of the theme: Hope in the midst of brokenness, anointing with oil will be offered at the end of the service. You can come for anointing out of a desire to more fully surrender yourself to God's care, for healing, recommitment or any other prayer request.

**There will be a co-ordinating comittee meeting at the meeting house on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 pm

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to join us **Friday, May 2, 2025** for our 80th Anniversary Chapel featuring Ray Boehm '84, Mary Groh '49 and our BIG Announcement! That evening, enjoy a delicious Soup Supper at our Trips Week Fundraiser and stick around for the Alumni Sports Challenge. Visit rockway.ca/events to RSVP, pre-purchase your soup and learn more about our celebrations!

Upcoming Worship Services:

April 27: Renee Sauder

May 04: Pastor Jim

May 11: Pastor Jim

May 18 - Hillcrest

Wilmot Ignited joint services

June 29 - NV (Benedikt IB & Dann Pantoja share from the experience in Philippines)

Aug 3 - Wilmot

Aug 31 - St. Agatha

Oct 5 -

Dec 28 - Mannheim