

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**

**May 4, 2014**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering Music #431 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading: *Colossians 1:15-20*

One: Who is this stranger, walking down the road?  
this traveler whose stories set our hearts on fire?

**All: He is the image of invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
He is the One who was there before all things,  
the One who holds the universe together.**

One: And he is the head of our body, the church—  
the new Beginning, firstborn from the dead.

**All: In him, the fullness of God was pleased to dwell;  
and through him, by his sacrifice,  
God was pleased to make peace with us all.**

One: Who is this stranger, walking down the road?  
this traveler whose stories set our hearts on fire?

**All: Look, he is breaking the bread for us.  
Look, he is pouring the wine for us.  
God, in our worship open our eyes to see,  
our hearts to know him. Amen**

\*Hymn #33 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**Confession: Most merciful God, we confess that we have  
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we**

**have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy  
on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and  
walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri #813

\* The Apostles’ Creed (*insert*)

Anthem “O Come, Angel Band” *Hascall/Curry/Bradbury*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology #815 with Offertory Prayer

Scripture Luke 24:13-35

Sermon “With Hearts on Fire”

\*Hymn #462 “Come Share the Lord”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*includes this hymn*):

**Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.**

**There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.**

\*Hymn #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

\*Benediction

\*Response #431 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *vs. 3*

\*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude