

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Rev. Arun Andrews

### PRAYER

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### PARTAKING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### HYMN #308

*Thine Be the Glory*

### BENEDICTION

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### POSTLUDE

Prelude & Fugue in F (J. Behnke)

Andrew Meade, organ

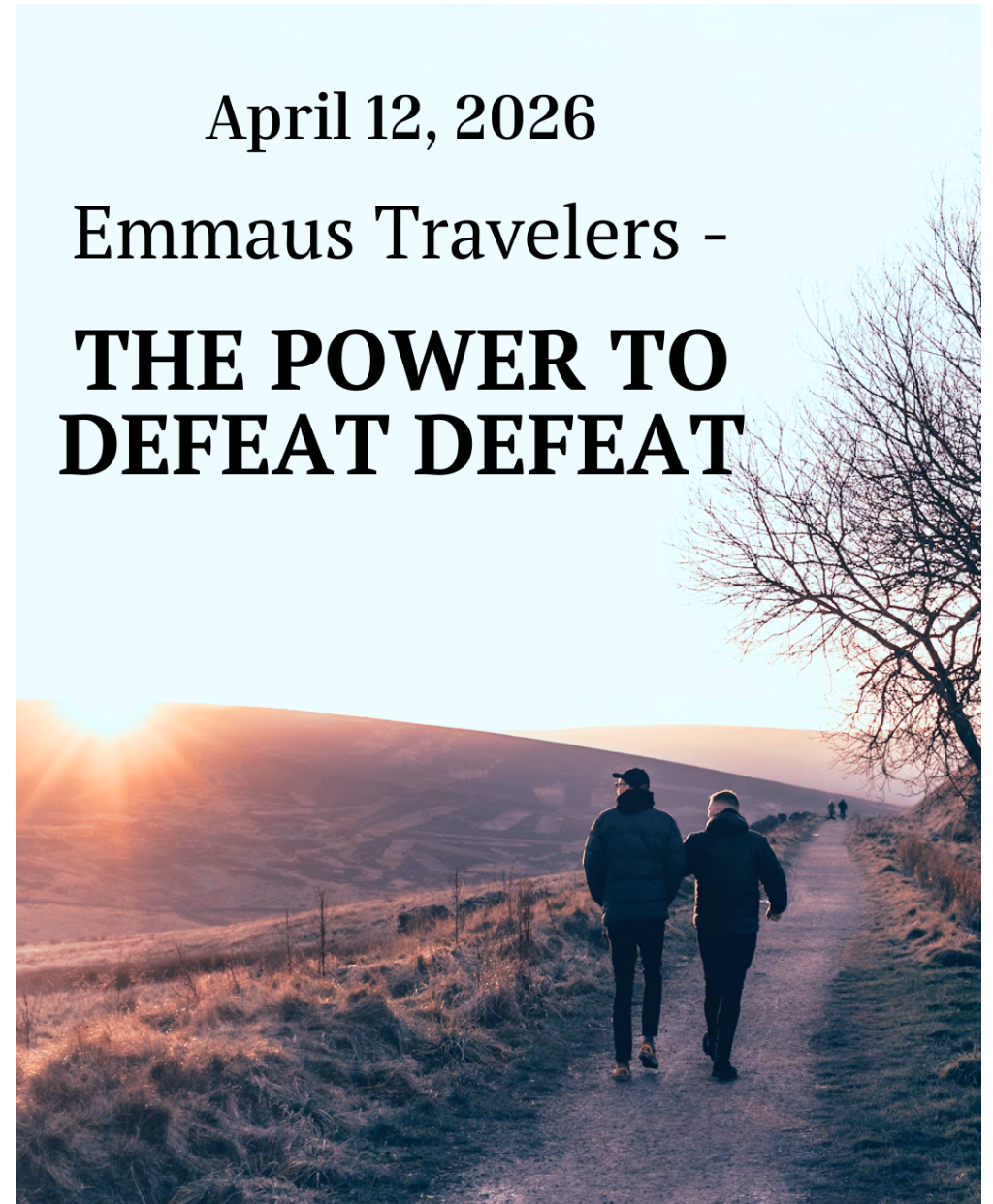
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# Emmaus Travelers - THE POWER TO DEFEAT DEFEAT



2026 THEME

FOR THE ONE: RECLAIMING THE SOUL OF AMERICA

APRIL THEME: A PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER**

Rev. Arun Andrews

**PRELUDE***Prelude from Cello Suite #1 in G (J.S. Bach)* Zach Levi, cello**RESPONSIVE READING** *(standing)*

Worship Leader: Rev. Kenneth Meyer

L: We praise You, O God, for walking beside us on the road of life.

**A: Even in moments of disappointment, Your presence brings hope.**

L: Open our eyes, Lord, as You opened the eyes of the Emmaus travelers.

**A: Reveal Your truth in our doubts and fill our hearts with joy.**

L: Let us recognize You in the breaking of bread and in the fellowship of believers.

**A: May we move from defeat to victory, trusting in Your resurrection power.****HYMN #303***The Day of Resurrection***ANTHEM***Easter People, Raise Your Voices (H. Smart)* Chancel Choir**SCRIPTURE 1**

Worship Leader

Please be seated. Our first scripture reading for today is from Isaiah 40:28-31.

Hear the Word of God.

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

Worship Leader

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN #600***Wonderful Words of Life (vs. 1)*

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.*

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

**SCRIPTURE 2**

Luke 24:13–35

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**HYMN #600***Wonderful Words of Life (vs. 3)*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.*

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

**OFFERTORY***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (arr. R. Valadez)*

Johanna Levi &amp; Joy Meade, violins; Zach Levi, cello; Andrew Meade, piano

Doxology OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low. Praise

5 him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost A - men.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Arun Andrews

**SERMON**

Emmaus Travelers – The Power to Defeat 'Defeat' Rev. Arun Andrews

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Assisting in Communion: Mike DiMatteo and Brian Weller

**INVITATION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Rev. Kenneth Meyer

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (ALL)**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON (ALL)**

Gracious and merciful God, we admit our sins and failures. We confess that we are not worthy to come to your table, but that we come by the grace we have in the Lord Jesus. We ask for your forgiveness and cleansing, according to your great love and tender mercy. Lord, create in us a clean heart and an obedient spirit. Do not cast us away or take your Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Help us to love you and our neighbors, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.