

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, April 15, 2018)

Share:

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The Risen One shows us God's own brokenness, and by those wounds, we are healed.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Read these words from a hymn today: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear, voice of truth thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Read this scripture from worship: Luke 24:36-49 (The Message)

³⁶⁻⁴¹ While they were saying all this, Jesus appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you.” They thought they were seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. He continued with them, “Don’t be upset, and don’t let all these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands; look at my feet—it’s really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn’t have muscle and bone like this.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn’t believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true.

⁴¹⁻⁴³ He asked, “Do you have any food here?” They gave him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate it right before their eyes.

⁴⁴ Then he said, “Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵⁻⁴⁹ He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, “You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You’re the first to hear and see it. You’re the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you’re equipped with power from on high.”

Talk together, responding to these questions:

What helps us focus?

What does it mean to understand God's word?

How does understanding feed my faith?

In what places of my life do I recognize God's work?

In what places within the church? In what places within the world?

Pray together:

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal. I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Make this new day a time when I give more thanks for life than I did yesterday. Give me and our church ears to hear your will, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."