



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast *April 26, 2020*

Third Sunday of Easter Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A

- Acts 2:14a,36-41: Peter declares that Jesus is “both Lord and Messiah” to the Jerusalem crowd.
- Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17: Answers the question, “How shall I repay the Lord, for all the good things he has done for me?” (v.10)
- I Peter 1:17-23: Pointing out the Resurrection, the author of I Peter declares: “You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.”
- Luke 24:13-35: The famous story of “The Walk to Emmaus” when two disciples converse with the risen Christ whom they do not immediately recognize.

Coming in the May 2020 Newsletter: What is the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)? Why follow it?

“Not a sermon” . . .

Grief. We are all grieving these days, different kinds of grief and a combination of many griefs: “one thing after another is going wrong.” Death, job loss, income loss, quarantining, uncertainty about who to listen to and who to believe, and an uncertain future due to COVID-19. “When can we open up our seasonal businesses? When can summer visitors be allowed to travel to the North Country? When they get here...what then?”

On this third Sunday of Easter, the disciples were still experiencing the shock of the crucifixion barely two weeks ago, and they were starting to come out of hiding to look at their world-changed-forever. What did they feel? Probably doubt, fear, uncertainty, and undoubtedly, they had lost their direction.

On the road to Emmaus and during the dinner following, the risen Lord reminded them of things that were eternal. He redirected them through scripture to the ancient truth of God’s promises. The author of I Peter put it succinctly and well: “You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.” Out of our grief comes new life. May it be so. AMEN.

This Week Prayers for . . .

- the soul of John who has left his earthly home and now lives in the Kingdom of God, and support for Carol, her family and friends.
- Kevin’s continued health; Debbie and John; Chuck who lost his father and their family; the Raquette Lake Chapel community.
- all who have died and those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.
- all healthcare workers who are battling the COVID-19 virus and those providing essential services in our communities.
- all those who have lost jobs and income and are facing an uncertain future.

Psalm 116:1-3a “I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord...”

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