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Welcome To Worship

April 12, 2020

9:30 a.m.

An Easter Celebration:

"Resist and Begin Again...A Blessed New Normal"



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

Preparing To Worship...



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**WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION  
OF THE LORD'S DAY**

*An Easter Celebration:  
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✧ **Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**

**Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!  
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Holy Ground!**

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in!**

**What are you looking for?**

**Seek and Find...*A Spiritual Scavenger Hunt!***

On this day, I looked around and found...

And on this day, I looked within and discovered...

On this Easter day,  
I look and see how beloved I am as I hear the community say:

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace...our new daily theme...a new normal for our lives!**

✧ **Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God**

Holy One, just like the women that first Easter morning, I want to go the cave...to face my life's challenges and losses...this pensive emptiness inside me. I, too, often feel desperate and confused as I seek to fill the empty spaces in my life...*especially this week!*

I long for a cave where I can safely come to reflect...without any judgments from others or expectations of myself...to mourn what was, seeking to anoint what will come next...hoping for a new normal. I long to have the time to notice what is going on around me and make some sense of it...if there were only an earthquake and an angel to roll away that stone!

But, Lord, do know...it is not so much that I long to hide, as it is I long to be found.

Today...I, too, like them, am in fear and great joy...a paradox of feelings. Lord, help me resist the emptiness and be that non-anxious presence witnessing the crucifixion of what has been and the resurrection of what will be...as I begin again...over and over again and again.

Help me begin to mourn and name my loss and what has gone away. Help me deeply know...that in simply coming to that dark, turbulent place in my life, You already have set me free! That Truth has set me free! I am being Eastered! Lord, I ask it. Amen.

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection**

**Prayer of Apostle Paul**

Beginning of the Letter to Romans in the New, New Testament,  
selected verses.

“Redeem me for I am yours.

You are my mind--birth me.

You are my treasure--open for me.

You are my fullness--receive me.

You are my rest--give me unrestrained maturity.

Give healing to my body and my spirit, and open my mind.

I have trust and hope.

Place upon me Your beloved, chosen, and blessed greatness,  
the amazing mystery of Your house.

For Yours is the power and the glory and the praise  
and the greatness forever and ever.

Amen.”

**Matthew 28: 1-9**

## ✧ Prompting

*"Resist And Begin Again...A Blessed New Normal"*

*"Again!"*

Pastor Karen Hagen

*Many of the prompting's insights taken from Biblical Scholars  
Borg and Crosson in their book, "The Last Week."  
And, poems and essays written by Sarah Are, Catherine Monkman, Dorothee Soelle.*



## ✧ A Moment of Personal Reflection... *And Shared Reflections!*

### ✧ To Deepen Our Reflection: The Art of Developing a Beautiful Mind, John Donahue

The world is not simply there.  
Everything and everyone we see, we view through the lenses of our thoughts.  
Your mind is where your thoughts arise and form.  
It is not simply with your eyes but with your mind that you see the world.  
So much depends on your mind:  
How you see yourself, who you think you are, how you see others, what you think the  
meaning of life is, how you see death, belief, God, darkness.  
Beauty is all determined by the style of mind you have.  
Your mind is your greatest treasure.  
We become so taken up with the world, with having and doing more and more,  
we come to ignore who we are forget what we see the world with.  
The most powerful way to change your life is to change your mind.

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When you beautify your mind, you beautify your world. You learn to see differently. In what seemed like dead situations, secret possibilities and invitations begin to open before you. In old suffering that held you long paralyzed, you find new keys. When your mind is awakened, your life comes alive and the creative adventure of your soul takes off. Passion and compassion become your new companions.



✧\***Benediction...Our Reflections *as we depart into the New Normal!***  
*...Becoming a Living Blessing*

What I take with me today into my resurrected life...is:

✧\***Our Response**

**Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.  
Your word lives on in us.**

