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# Welcome To Worship

April 19, 2020

9:30 a.m.

A Rerun from May 1, 2011

*Easter tide:*

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



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✧ Welcome and Community News

✧ Relying 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!

*How have you come this day...what of Easter lingers?*

*What once thought dead within you...is being resurrected?*

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

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

God, like the disciples, sometimes I too need the safety of going behind locked doors. I get afraid of what I think I know. Often I doubt myself. At times, I fear I will be found out, that no one will be able to understand my truth, that I will...like You...get nailed just for being who I am.

Can You blame me for wanting to hide? *Do You blame me?*

~Go Deeper~

It seems the world is filled with those who claim certainty even in these uncertain times. Doubt seems reasonable and yet so unsafe! What else can I do but go behind locked doors? Is there some *other way* of surviving?

Please, answer me and teach me Your ways...of Peace...  
Inner Peace laced with Hope!

~Go Deeper~

Frightened and locked into the only way of surviving I know, it is scary to change and seek a new normal. Come to me like you did to Thomas, and let me touch You...so I may believe in my unbelief. Let me feel Your words, "Peace be with you." Help me resist and begin again...begin a new life blessed with a new normal!

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

**1 Peter 1:3-9**  
**John 20:19-31**

✧ **Prompting**

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

*"Deep Peace...Don't Resist...A New Normal?"*

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.*

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...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

*As we depart into the New Normal:* 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!**

