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Welcome To Worship

April 26, 2020

9:30 a.m.

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

### ✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

Holy One,  
as I attempt to move my life forward, as You join me on the journey...  
here's what I want You to know...

I have feelings to express, experiences to share. I am unsettled and sometimes  
afraid. And my life doesn't seem to come together very well.  
Walk very closely with me on my journey, Compassionate God!

I have memories to recall, faith and doubt stories to remember.  
As I do, reveal Yourself to me, Surprising God!

I have thanksgiving to offer, bread and wine to share,  
community to nurture...and nurturing me!  
Encourage me for our shared journey, Ever-Present God.

I have commitment to pledge. *But...*  
I have much to relearn. I have much to release. I don't want regrets.

I know You are by my side. I need you here.  
Even when I refuse to acknowledge Your presence...hiding behind my temper  
tantrums, depressed moods, finicky-ness, aloofness, closed mind or heart, the  
stress of this day...You stay with me. Wow! You never give up on me!

O Holy One, help me to never give up on myself. As we walk along the way  
together, help me beautify my mind and start again to be a less resistive,  
more available, newly energized me!

Most of all, bring me the courage to Start Again...  
to live my own, new journey of Love's possibilities!

This is what I need. I ask it, Lord.

### ✧Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection

**1 Peter 1:22-24**

**Luke 24:13-35**

## ✧ Prompting

*“Resist and Begin Again...A Blessed New Normal”*

*“Walking Together Into A Blessed 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!*

### ✧ Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

### ✧ 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:  
What is beginning to relax in you that allows you to start again?

✧\***Our Response**

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



*To hear Pastor Karen sharing the prompting and respond:  
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