

## 04-20-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Resurrection is a saving mystery. It raises our hopes from bondage to low expectations... When we allow ourselves to be transposed by Easter's divine imperative, we find signs of eternal life everywhere around us: reconciled enemies, welcomed strangers, and clean water.”

*Edgardo Colón-Emeric*



John 20:1-18

### Questions for Reflection —

- What difference does it make to you to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead? How have you experienced the presence of the Risen Christ in your own life? In the lives of others around you? In our congregation? What does it mean for the Risen Christ to live in your heart? How does your faith in the resurrection of Jesus change the way you live?
  
- What challenges, whether personal or in the world around you, make it hard for you to maintain hope right now? How is God calling you to act with hope in the face of those challenges? What losses are you presently mourning? How can you tap into Easter joy to refresh your spirit? How might we as a congregation promote hope, contributing to the creation of a more just and generous world?
  
- Where do you see evidence that God is already at work to bring restoration and renewal to the world? What signs of resurrection and eternal life do you see here and now? What does it mean for us as a congregation to be people of the Resurrection? What would it look like for us to live as agents of change, healing, and good news in our broken and hurting world? How might our congregation spread Easter joy beyond the walls of our building?

### Daily Household Prayer

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.