

04-05-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Easter means a new start for all of us. Just as we journey with the disciples to the cross, we come with them again to the empty tomb, a turning point in our journey that redefines our trajectory, redirects our priorities, and realigns our love for God and neighbor.”

Lisa Hancock



Matthew 28:1-10

Questions for Reflection —

- What has been the impact of the resurrection story of Jesus on your life? When or how have you experienced an Easter transformation from fear or grief into joy? When have you found Easter joy in the ordinariness of daily life? What new perspectives or insights arise when you look at past struggles and challenges through the lens of Jesus’ resurrection?

- Where in our congregation and in the world do you see signs of the presence of the Living Christ? How does Jesus’ resurrection affect the way you perceive life events, your relationships with others, or how you face life’s difficulties? What spiritual blinders (e.g. fears, anxieties, doubts) might diminish your ability to see Jesus’ presence in your life right now? What do you need so that resurrection life becomes more real and more transformative for your daily activities?

- In what aspects of your life are you waiting for new life and renewal? What is the new start you seek in this Easter season? How does Jesus’ resurrection give you a sense of hope and expectation for that future to become a reality? How will you say *yes* to the resurrection call to new life? What is the “resurrection work” that we as a congregation are being called to engage? How might we change the world by bringing hope and new life to those in our society who are entombed by suffering and injustice?

Daily Household Prayer

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.