



“On Jesus...”

By Kahlil Gibran

**Once every hundred years
Jesus of Nazareth meets Jesus of the Christian
in a garden among the hills of Lebanon.**

**And they talk long;
and each time Jesus of Nazareth goes away
saying to Jesus of the Christian:
“My friend, I fear we shall never, never
agree...”**

**There are three miracles of our Brother Jesus
not yet recorded in the book:
the first that he was human like you and me;
the second that he had a sense of humor;
the third that he knew he was a
conquerer though conquered.**

**Easter Sunrise
April 21, 2019**

Today is a celebration of Easter! The resurrection of Jesus is a celebration of the eternal in existence everywhere, even in death. The presence of the Spirit of Life and Love in all human experience is resurrection power in our lives.



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here. Share in the power of life and love, thus practice resurrection!

Pre-Service Music

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

A Word About Life

Luke 24:1-24

Shared by Peter Johnston

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. 'Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the

rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Call to Worship

Led by Peter Johnston

(Please stand if you are comfortably able.)

One: Easter takes us by surprise early in the morning.

All: **The obstacles we expect to face are removed. Where once death and despair laid locked in time, now the bright light of hope sprouts wings.**

One: Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise as quietly as the sun creeping over the horizon, or it may explode like fireworks.

All: **We recognize the One who was dead as he comes to life in us.**

One: Let us celebrate that Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**



1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
4. Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death is now your sting? Alleluia!
In God's pow'r we too can live, Alleluia!
Striving now to love and give, Alleluia!

Sharing The Peace

Led by Peter Johnston

One: Let us now celebrate each other. May a heart of peace rest with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: As people who are free, loved, accepted, and future oriented, greet one another and wish each other peace!!



The Prayer of Jesus (in unison)

Our Loving God who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Give and Share

Led by Peter Johnston

One: We give thanks to God for our life and the courage we are given to live it.

All: Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.

Dedication of Our Offering

Led by Peter Johnston

One: God is the heart of life.

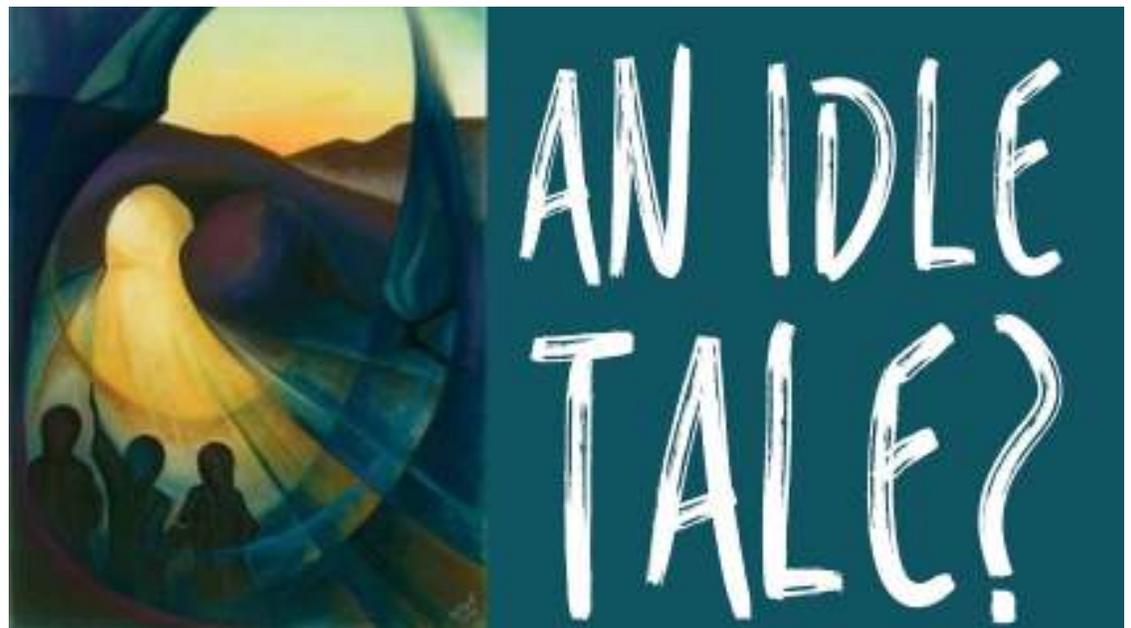
All: And we are the heartbeat.

One: May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

All: We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

Word About Life For Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzeman



CELEBRATING LIFE

It is fitting that we celebrate life this morning in the Festival Garden. It is also in keeping with the ancient wisdom of our tradition to share bread and wine in the company of our friends and loved ones who have died. It is in the face of death and loss that we celebrate the renewal of life and hope. In this place and in this time, we affirm the presence of the Spirit of Life and Hope and Creativity everywhere around us and within us.

Blessing Our Communion

One: When our days become over-busy and our spirits are bleached like bones in the desert,

All: **May we be flooded with a downpour of encouragement!**

One: When we take things for granted and gratitude goes to sleep,

All: **May a new song be put on our tongues.**

One: When life's abrasive pressures fray us, loosing our hold on the Still Center,

All: **May we be told again about sparrows and nesting cactus wrens, about daffodils and desert blossoms, and the God who knows our every need.**

Movement to the Festival Garden Wall

Please move to the Festival Garden Walls. You may move to any wall or to the wall with the niche of a friend or loved one.

Prayer for the Bread and Wine

One: We break this bread in celebration of the great truth that on this tiny planet, hurtling through cold, empty space, death is made the servant of life, and out of death, life is forever resurrected.

O Death, where is your victory?

O Death, where is your sting?

All: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory!

One: This cup with its fruit of the vine is a celebration that things are not always as they seem: that out of faithfulness and steadfastness, out of suffering and sorrow, may come unsought blessings.

O Death, where is your victory?

O Death, where is your sting?

All: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory!

The Invitation

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at this table with its symbols of God's Creative Presence.

All: **In company with all who seek nourishment at this table, we come to celebrate community and to share these life-giving symbols.**

**O
DEATH,
WHERE
IS THY
STING?**

Sharing the Bread and Cup of Life

Serve and help each other by breaking bread and dipping it into the cups of juice. Know the goodness of life through your sharing and feel the strength of life in this act of defiance in the face of death.

Words for Mission

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzleman

(Please find someone to hold hands with.)

One: May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and empower us with energy
to fill the world with her justice.

One: These are the times!

All: **We are the people!**

One: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Amen.

All: **Amen.**

He is
RISEN

The text 'He is RISEN' is rendered in a decorative, calligraphic font. 'He is' is in a cursive script, while 'RISEN' is in a bold, serif font. The text is surrounded by decorative flourishes, including small circles and leafy branches.



Join us for
Easter breakfast and
fellowship
after the service
in Smith Hall!

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