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***Celebrations Continue—
Journeys Continue
Easter, Week 2***

April 28, 2019

A Prayer for the Season of Easter

Spirit of Life, Enlivening and Greening One: We are so grateful that nothing—nothing! even our culture, media, and politics—is beyond your power to refresh and make new. Enter today into our hearts that we might see clearly and act wisely. Amen.

Prelude

Shared by Our Great Band

Greetings and Announcements

Shared by Lois Beberniss

Strengthening Connection

Call to Worship (Please stand if you are comfortably able.)

Led by Judy Schwiebert

One: We gather this morning, ready to give and receive encouragement. May our time together help us feel more alive!

All: We gather this morning, rejoicing in the season of Easter. May this season bring to us a spirit of adventure, risking and creating along with the Spirit of Life.

One: Eastertide is a time of delight and vulnerability.

All: Here, we find sustenance for ourselves—spiritual food for our journey on this good earth.

One: May our time together open us up to new possibilities of service and works of justice.

All: May we bring to the world the good word we receive today.

Singing Our Faith

Every Morning Is Easter Morning

by David Wo

1. Every morning is Easter morning from now on,
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone,
Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, welcome to the sun,
I am one of the Easter people, my new life's begun.

Chorus

**Easter morning can happen every day
When, in all you do, new life breaks through,
Yes, Easter's here to stay.**

2. Every morning is Easter morning from now on,
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone,
Life is open to us all, haven't you heard?
Get it straight from the Easter people,
get out and spread the Word.

Chorus

3. Every morning is Easter morning from now on,
Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone,
Share God's love with everyone, be the best you can be,
Just be one of the Easter people, live the life that's free.

Chorus

Ending: Yes, Easter's. . . here. . . to stay!



Centering Prayer

Led by Judy Schweibert

Learning Something of Value

A Word About Life John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Word About Life for Today

Shared by Pastor Joyce Schneider

Musical Interlude

Shared by Our Great Band

What We Need and What We Give

Celebrations

Led by Lois Beberniss

This is our time to share the celebrations of our lives:
birthdays, anniversaries, words of kindness
and works of peace and justice.

Celebration Song

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires.
We shall be known by the ones who sow and
 reap the seeds of change
From deep within the Earth.

It is time now; It is time now that we thrive.
It is time we lead ourselves into the well.
It is time now.
And what a time to be alive!
In this great turning we shall learn to lead in love.
In this great turning we shall learn to lead in love.

Invitation to Give

Shared by Judy Schweibert

We give in a spirit of abundance, confident in God's grace
and provision. We give in a spirit of joy, confident in life's
goodness. We give in a spirit of gratitude, confident that
our gifts will bring blessings to others.

Offering and Offertory

Changamano ~ A Y'all Come Selection, Shared by the Cornerstone
Chorale and Friends

Words for Mission

Please stand if comfortably able.

Led by Pastor Joyce Schneider

One: Our worship is ending, but our ties of friendship continue. May these bonds continue to encourage and strengthen us for the week.

All: Let us go forward together, walking lightly and peacefully on this beloved planet. May our spirit of hope be contagious wherever we travel!

One: These are the times.

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed!

All: May we love all and serve all!

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Song

This Little Light

Traditional Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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