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Conference Call Worship Service

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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Reflection:

Faith is a relationship of trust. It is believing in the reality of Grace. We are confident that our life has a purpose. We believe in ourselves, knowing we were created with love. Faith is the wind in the sails of our dreams. It gives us the strength to go on, not succumbing to doubt, fear or hopelessness. As we move forward, we are guided to the right path without having to make it happen. Even in the most trying times, we are open to miracles. (Virtues Project)

It is with the heart that one can see rightly.

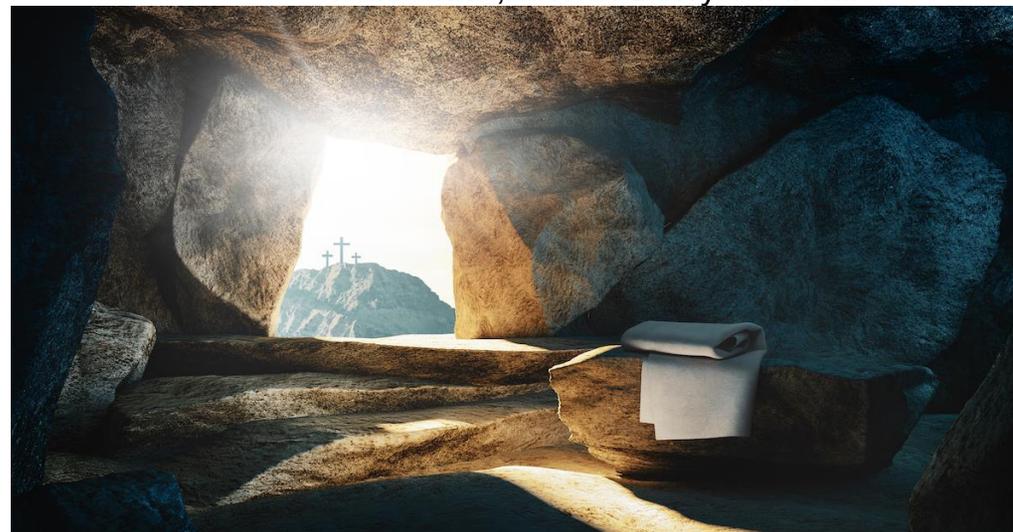
What is essential is invisible to the eye.

(Antoine De Saint-Exupéry)

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Praising God

Prelude Medley: "The Strife is O'er/ In the Garden"
Palestrina, arr. C. Berry/C.A. Miles



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to open our hearts to worship and praise God...

.....It's Easter! The day of resurrection and hope!
It is the day of victory when we acknowledge all things are possible. Let us dance and sing the songs of gladness. Love is alive! Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Easter Trumpet Fanfare

John Liddle

Opening Prayer (together)

Surprising God, we celebrate with joy and happy hallelujahs as we gather in awe around the empty tomb. Roll away the stones in our lives and open wide the doors of hope and wonder. Spread our

wings and raise us up as Your Easter people.
Transform our world and hearts with
compassionate love. Christ lives! All is possible!
Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn (157) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" vs.1&4

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!
all creation join to say; Hallelujah!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Hallelujah!
sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Hallelujah!
- 4 Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Hallelujah!
praise to you by both be given! Hallelujah!
Every knee to you shall bow, Hallelujah!
risen Christ, triumphant now. Hallelujah!

Easter Proclamation (together)

Our time of waiting is ended. We have journeyed with Jesus through his passion and death. Now is the time to speak again the words of life. The tomb is empty; we need not linger there. We are called to get on the road of life again and to rise up and walk with Christ. One marvelous morning, long ago yet as today, splendor sprang from sadness. Joy leaped up like a gymnast. And they, like us, encountered the Life, the Truth, and the Way. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:1-10 Ron Bloor
(The women see that the tomb is empty.)

Solo "Welcome, Happy Morning" F. Havergal
Lauren Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Easter Surprises" Rev. Cindy

Hymn (179) "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**Our Father, 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.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn (586) "We Shall Go Out" vs. 1 &2

- 1 **We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out,
from strength to strength go on;**

**we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.**

**We'll sing our songs
of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts
that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

- 2 We'll give a voice
to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those
whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes
for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy
with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength
for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.**

Commissioning and Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness,
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Postlude "Rag-Polka" Claude Bolling
John E. Liddle, trumpet

Thank you for joining in to listen to the Conference Call Worship Service today. We hope you found it uplifting and meaningful. We are living through uncertain times and it is nice to know we are together in this time of worship. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm knowing God is always with us to guide and support us.

Many thanks to Brian Kai for coordinating our Conference Call, to Ron Bloor for reading our scripture, and to John Liddle, Lauren Lazar, Penny Tibbles Cookson and Karen Quinton for inspiring us with their music.

God bless you, stay well, and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, same phone number. May you have a Blessed Easter!

