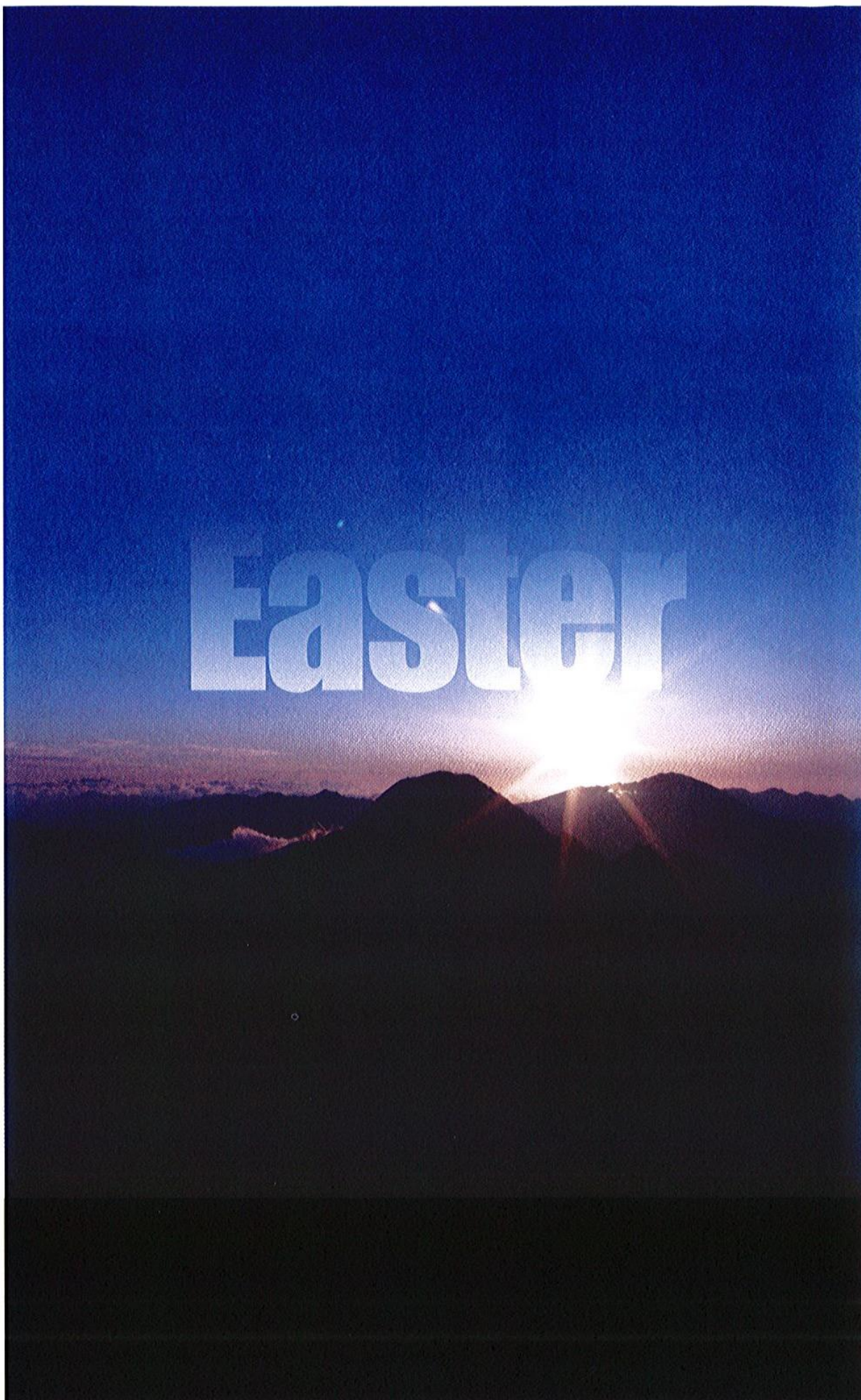


Easter



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

12 April 2020

Easter Day

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings – A Time of Centering

↑ HYMN # 288 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm7 C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C



1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

$\frac{F}{A}$ C F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm7 C $\frac{C}{G}$ G C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm7 C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C



All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

G $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Call to Worship – from Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

Leader: “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered... But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

People: I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

Leader: Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

People: The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent’s food.

All: *They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.*

***Glory to God in the Highest for today is a new creation.
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!***

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

Yearning for mercy, we confess before our God:

God of radical mercy, we admit that we wall you off from our lives, bury your love in the shadows, and deny the power of your transforming spirit. Risen Christ, we fail to let your light and hope shine into every moment and every action. We fail to love you with our whole being or to boldly love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. Save us from ourselves O Lord!

God of mercy roll away the stones from our lives and proclaim a new day! Raise up what has been buried within us, call our souls by name, and lead us to your eternal love. We pray: *“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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.”*

Hear the good news, Christ is Risen! God rolls aside the barriers we would create and offers us the fullness of his grace and mercy. God raises up a sign to the world that love is real, the resurrection is now, and new life is for each of us. Alleluia, praise God for the good news of Easter.

↑ ♪ A Response of Halleluja

“Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le, lu-ja

↑ The Passing of the Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death;
in rising, he restores our life;
in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.
Peace be with you

And also with you

Anthem “Hallelujah Chorus” Handel

*Our congregation singing together in 2019
with pictures submitted by our church family*

The Children’s Time - As the children come forward, please sing ♪ Hymn #
437 “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” vs. 1

♩ Hymn #293 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ G D $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{D}$ G

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

G $\frac{G}{B}$ G $\frac{D7}{A}$ G D G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C D G

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

$\frac{G}{B}$ C Am D Bm Em Am7 D

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Am D Em D C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Sermon "He saw and believed, but didn't understand"

Special Music "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Lorie Line

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer Response #737 "Santo, Santo, Santo"

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.

Preparation of the Table – Remembering Our Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Beloved Lord, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungering souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen

Benediction

Leader: Go forth into the world to love and to serve our risen Lord in all that you do.

People: We go in the name and service of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Thanks be to God.

All: Alleluia and Amen!

† ♪ HYMN # 289 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

G G⁷ G G/D D7 G/D D/C G/B D/A G G/D D

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

G C/G G7 G7/C C Cmaj7 Am/C G/D D7 G/D D7 G

sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;

D G/D D G/D D B/D# B7 Em A D

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

G C/G G7 G7/C C Cmaj7 Am/C G/D D7 G/D D7 G

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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WORDS: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); rev. vss. 2 & 3 Jubilate Hymns, 1982
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867)

HYMN TO JOY
 8.7.8.7.D

Postlude

Our Easter offering will be equally between Full Shelf Pantry, Kewaskum Community Food Pantry, Church World Service, Peace Church Habitat, Kewaskum Boys and Girls Club.

SERVING TODAY

Piano/Organ/Litanist: Sherry McElhatton and Karla Spaits

Musicians: Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute
Maëlle Leopardo, Violin,
(Our French exchange student – living with the Kirkegaards)

Editing: Berit Kirkegaard

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF APRIL 12

April 14 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom see link below
3:30 - 9th grade Confirmation via Zoom
7:00 pm Consistory Meeting – via Zoom

April 16 3:00 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom see link below

All services can be accessed at Peace UCC Kewaskum [YouTube](#)
or Peace United Church of Christ [Facebook](#) page

Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158>

Meeting ID: 299 920 158

Meeting Password: 114964

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+13126266799,,299920158# US (Chicago)

+19294362866,,299920158# US (New York)

Dial in on your telephone -

+1 312 626 6799, then enter meeting ID: 299 920 158

Thursdays at 3 pm. – Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux – we will continue studying the confirmation materials used by our 9th grade confirmands and will be meeting online on April 16, 30, May 7, and 21.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

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Lectionary for Sunday, April 19: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 • Psalm 16 • 1 Peter 1:3-9 • John 20:19-31

Lectionary for Sunday, April 26: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 • 1 Peter 1:17-23 • Luke 24:13-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God by Della Lehmann & Family in memory of Edward.

Easter Flowers - We are asking you to wait to order flowers to celebrate the resurrection for after we are all able to gather again at church. Those of you who have already ordered Easter flowers, we will hold your order until that occasion unless we hear from you.

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and have demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday April 12 – April 17

April 13 Greg Ogi, Shirley Schlice (82)
April 14 Joshua O'Brien-Flasch
April 15 Robert Schrader (81)
April 16 Kenady Kivell, Jason Schreffler, Brady Stern
April 17 Hudson Gitter, Jake Retzlaff, Bonita Skrentny

Happy Anniversary April 12 – April 17

April 12 Scott & Cathy Stern (12)
April 14 Jacob & Jessica Manogue (2)

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: All shut-ins and all those experiencing pain or loss

Members Harvey Brodzeller
Debbie Butzlaff
Barry Clark
Marion Doms
Gary Fisher
Betty Graff
Les Martin
Robert Neumann
Don Neitzel

Mitch Ogi
Doc Ogi
Heidi Rodenkirch
Carol Sedgwick
Betty Skaug
Cherie Singer
Maggie Singer
Alec Taylor
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)

Caelyb (Bocher)

Ron Geurts (Stern)

Debbie (Hallen)

Larry Haas (Lemke)

Eric Haas (Lemke)

Heidi (C. Manthei)

Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)

Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)

Robin Kann (Atwater)

Valeri Knurr (Kletti)

Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)

Mrs. Muckerhide

Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)

Ron Scheid (Liepert)

Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)

Charlie Straub (J. Becker)

Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)

Ann Thill (Mertz)

Please keep us updated. Concerns
will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Ron Geurts Ron Skaug Laurie Struck

Friends & Family:

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre

Kim Breit

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Nephew of Beck Ehmer

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Dennis Jacak (Manthei/Rauch)

Jan (D. Stangl)

Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn
(O'Connor and Kuhn)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)

Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)

Russell Will (Will)

Those who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

Ron Skaug, John Waskiewicz

Those Serving our Country



Thank you to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)

Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)

Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)

Kyle Henk (Army)

Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)

Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)

Major Erik Rundquist (Army)

Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)

Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

 On the web @ www.peace-ucc.org Find Peace on Facebook

**“Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God’s extravagant love and
together serve all of God’s children
and creation.”**

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

April 12, 2020

John 20:1-18

It's a day to tell stories – stories about miracles and about new life, stories worth retelling. It's a day to tell this story. Before dawn, Mary, a grieving friend of Jesus went to the place where they had laid his body. She did not find the body there. She called for the others. They came and also saw the empty tomb. Some of them went away, distressed, suspecting vandals, but Mary stayed behind. Then and there she encountered the living Christ.

There's a lot of miracle to uncover in this story. There's the miracle of a woman in grief going to a tomb, only to find it empty. The miracle of the strength she found to continue to search. The miracle of Jesus' appearance, so changed that he was, at first, unrecognizable. The miracle that it was her word (the word of a woman, whose testimony was not even at the time admissible in a court of law) that was heard and believed by the other disciples. The miracle that, in spite of all the ways throughout history in which women's voices have been silenced, that it was Mary's words that ring down through the years, "I have seen the Lord!"

But all those miracles can overshadow the very first miracle of the story, which is contained in one small phrase. It's so very small, in fact, that you might have missed it. "Early on the first day of the week and *while it was still dark*, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb..."

Did you catch it?

While it was still dark. Mary left her home before the sun was up. A dangerous time. A cold time. And in that cold, dangerous time, that time when there was only confusion, no hope at all, the resurrection of Jesus had already happened! A miracle.

It is a cold and dangerous time for many of us – in our own lives, in our communities, in our nation and in our world. And yet, while it is still dark, miracles are already beginning, already starting to stir, just about to burst from the tomb. So, do not be discouraged or afraid. Instead, get ready to join the shouts.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

