

**RECOVERY WORSHIP**  
**EASTER!**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**



## **All are welcome – and all means all!**

This is a worship service for unfundamentalists;  
for women;  
for people of color;  
for immigrants;  
for the LGBTQIA+ community;  
for people with disabilities;  
for families of one and families of many;  
for children and youth, the elderly, the young-  
ish, and the middle-aged;  
for the unchurched, the dechurched, the  
lifelong Christians, and the spiritual;  
for people with questions or doubts;  
for the oppressed, the recovering oppressor,  
and those who are both;  
for the love of all humankind.

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## **- GATHERING IN THE SANCTUARY -**

### **Prelude Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia  
Hallelujah, happy day, alleluia  
Sing your praises, lift them high, alleluia  
God's great love does satisfy, alleluia

Cristo, nuestro Salvador, aleluya  
De la muerte'es triunfador, aleluya  
En él hemos de confiar, aleluya  
Cantaremos sin cesar, aleluya

Perfect love through Jesus shown, alleluia  
Death and sin are overthrown, alleluia  
Let us sing a song of praise, alleluia  
Spirit, set our hearts ablaze, alleluia

God's good grace for everyone, alleluia  
Love is here and Love has won, alleluia  
Praise to God, whose love so pure, alleluia  
Will eternally endure, alleluia

### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for gathering us together today, from wherever we've been in our own individual lives, to join in community to celebrate

the Resurrection. Open our hearts to feel the transformation and freedom that your endless love and grace brings. In your many names we pray,

*All:* **Amen.**

### **Opening Song: Come to the Cross**

Mourner, wherever you are  
Wherever you are at the cross there is room  
Tell your burdened hearts  
Your burdened heart at the cross there is room

Tell it in the Savior's ear  
Cast away your every fear  
Only speak and He will hear

Hallelujah, everyone  
Everyone can come to the cross  
It doesn't matter what you've done  
Everyone can come to the cross

Sinner, come today  
Come today, at the cross there is room  
Blessed thoughts for everyone  
For everyone can come to the cross

Now a living fountain, see  
Open there for you and me  
For rich and poor, for bond and free, oh yeah

Hallelujah, everyone  
Everyone can come to the cross  
It doesn't matter what you've done  
Everyone can come to the cross

Oh, oh, everyone can come to the cross  
Oh, oh, everyone

Now a living fountain, see  
Open there for you and me  
For rich and poor, for bond and free, oh yeah

Hallelujah, everyone  
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## **- THE GOOD NEWS -**

### **Children's sermon**

*(if they'd like, children may join Daniela for a fun kid's activity afterwards)*

### **Contextual remarks**

#### **Preparation Song: Come As You Are**

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been  
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame  
All who are broken, lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart  
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame  
All who are broken, lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart

Come as you are, come as you are  
Fall in his arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame  
All who are broken, lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart  
Come as you are

Come as you are, come as you are  
Come as you are

**A Combined Easter Narrative**  
**with Selections from the Four Gospels**  
*Matthew: David Bentley Hart translation*  
*Mark: The Message translation*  
*Luke: David Bentley Hart translation*  
*John: New Revised Standard Version translation*

## Readings: The Death of Jesus

*[Matthew 27:45b-46]*

Darkness fell over all the land. And around the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" – that is, "My God, my God, why did you forsake me?"

*[Mark 15:35-39]*

Some of the bystanders who heard him said, "Listen, he's calling for Elijah." Someone ran off, soaked a sponge in sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

But Jesus, with a loud cry, gave his last breath. At that moment the Temple curtain ripped right down the middle. When the Roman captain standing guard in front of him saw that he had quit breathing, he said, "This has to be the Son of God!"

### **Special Music: Love Is Here**

Come to the water, you who thirst  
And you'll thirst no more  
Come to the father, you who work  
And you'll work no more  
And all you who labor in vain  
And to the broken and shamed

Love is here, love is now  
Love is pouring from his hands, from his brow  
Love is near, it satisfies  
Streams of mercy flowing from his side  
'Cause love is here

Come to the treasure, you who search  
And you'll search no more  
Come to the lover, you who want  
And you'll want no more  
And all you who labor in vain  
And to the broken and shamed

Love is here, love is now  
Love is pouring from his hands, from his brow  
Love is near, it satisfies  
Streams of mercy flowing from his side

Love is here, love is now  
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## Readings: The Tomb

*[Luke 23:48]*

And all of the crowds that had gathered for this spectacle, seeing what was happening, returned home beating their breasts.

*[Mark 15:40-41]*

There were women watching from a distance, among them Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and Joses, and Salome. When Jesus was in Galilee, these women followed and served him, and had come up with him to Jerusalem.

*[Luke 23:50-51]*

And look: A man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a man good and just – This man had not agreed with the Council and their actions – from Arimathea, a city of the Judaeans, who was awaiting the Kingdom of God.

*[Mark 15:42-43]*

Late in the afternoon, since it was the Day of Preparation (that is, Sabbath eve), Joseph of Arimathea, a highly respected member of the Jewish Council, came. He was one who lived expectantly, on the lookout for the kingdom of God. Working up his courage, he went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.

*[John 19:38b-42]*

Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*[Luke 23:55-56]*

And, following behind, the women who had come with him from Galilee saw the tomb and how his body had been laid out, And went back and prepared spices and ointment.

But they rested on the Sabbath, in keeping with the commandment.

*[Matthew 27:62-66]*

And on the next day, which is after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were assembled before Pilate, Saying, "Lord, we have remembered that that deceiver, when he was still living, said, 'After three days I am raised.' Therefore command that

the tomb be secured until the third day, so that the disciples might not come steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the final deception will be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go make it as secure as you know how." And going away, along with the guard, they made the tomb secure, sealing up the stone.

*[Mark 16:1-4]*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?"

Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in.

*[Luke 24:4-5]*

And while they were in confusion over this, look: Two men in clothing shining like lightning stood beside them; And, when they became terrified and turned their faces to the ground, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living with the dead?"

*[Matthew 28:5-7]*

And speaking out the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified; He is not here; for he was raised, just as he said; come see the place where he lay. And go quickly, tell his disciples that he was raised from the dead; and look: He precedes you into Galilee, where you will see him. See, I have told you.'

### **Song: Be Not Afraid**

Be not afraid  
Sing out for joy  
Christ is risen, alleluia

Be not afraid, (be not afraid)  
Sing out for joy, (sing out for joy)  
Christ is risen, alleluia (alleluia)

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Sing out for joy, (sing out for joy)  
Christ is risen, alleluia (alleluia)

### **Readings: The Disciples and the Tomb**

*[Luke 24:10-11]*

Now it was the Magdalene woman Mary, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, as well as the other women with them, who told these things to the

Apostles. And in their eyes these reports seemed like nonsense, and they did not believe them.

*[John 20:3-18]*

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*[Mark 16:10-11]*

She went to his former companions, now weeping and carrying on, and told them. When they heard her report that she had seen him alive and well, they didn't believe her.

## **Readings: Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

*[Luke 24:13-15]*

And look: On that very day two of them were journeying to a village sixty stadia [about 7 miles] away from Jerusalem, the name of which was Emmaus, And they were talking with each other about all these events. And it happened that, as they talked and debated, Jesus himself approached and journeyed with them.

*[Luke 24:28-32a]*

And they approached the village to which they were journeying, and he made as if to journey further on. And they urged him intently, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and this day has now set." And he went inside to stay with them. And it happened that, as he reclined at table with them, he took the loaf and blessed it and, having broken it, he shared it with them; And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Was not our heart burning within us while he spoke to us on the road?"

[Mark 16:13]

They went back and told the rest, but they weren't believed either.

[Luke 24:36-42]

And as they were saying these things he stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." And, alarmed and terrified, they thought they were seeing a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you disturbed, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet – that I am myself; touch me and look, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." And when he had said this he showed them his hands and feet.

[John 20:20b]

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

## **Song: Happy Day**

Low in the grave my Savior lay  
Hell thought it won cause there was hell to pay  
Angels came flyin', stone rolled away  
Hallelujah, happy day

Woah, Lord, sweet, sweet freedom  
Woah, sin washed away  
Woah, Lord, ain't that worth dancing  
Hallelujah, happy day

We gonna stomp 'til the earth starts shakin'  
Louder than thunder, we'll sing 'til we can't  
We gonna try and out dance them angels  
Hallelujah, happy day

Woah, Lord, sweet, sweet freedom  
Woah, sin washed away  
Woah, Lord, ain't that worth dancing  
Hallelujah, happy day

Low in the grave my Savior lay  
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## **Readings: Jesus Commissions the Disciples (Us)**

[Luke 24:45-48]

Then he opened their mind to understand the scriptures; And he said to them: "Thus it has been written that the Anointed will suffer and rise again from the dead on the third day, And in his name transformation of the heart and forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

[Mark 16:15]

Then he said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all.

[John 20:21-22]

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

*[Matthew 28:18-20]*

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, instruct all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and see: I am with you every day until the consummation of the age.

*[John 20:30-31]*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Message: Between the Waves**

***Rev. Cindy Solomon-Klebba***

**Reflection Song: Rescuer (Good News)**

There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter  
The one religion failed  
For the Good Lord has come to seek and save

He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man  
Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary  
Rest for those who strive  
Oh, the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life  
Yes the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our rescuer

Come and be chainless, come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary

He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds  
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## - OUR RESPONSE -

### Prayers

God of the sufferers, we have watched as others have hurt instead of promoting compassion or understanding.

God of truth, we have not always believed what others have experienced.

God of we who are on a continual journey, we have not always recognized you – not traveling on the road with us, not in our neighbor or a stranger.

God who formed us, open our hearts and minds, allow us to be continually re-formed through our growing knowledge and understanding of your unstoppable love and the Spirit that connects us all to you in community with each other. Amen.

*All:* **Amen.**

In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Let God's love and forgiveness transform your heart and give you life, that you may witness and testify to God's unending love.

Let us join together aloud in prayer:

***All:* Heavenly Creator, Holy is Your name!**

**Use us as Your hands to do Your will, on earth here and now.**

**Give to us according to our need, and grant us mercy and forgiveness.**

**Help us repay wrongdoings with love, compassion, and forgiveness.**

**Guide us through troubled times.**

**Show us how to turn from evil.**

**May You be glorified, and**

**may Your love reign supreme forever and always.**

**Amen!**

## **Offering**

(In many churches, this would be the time that we'd "pass the plate" to solicit offerings. That's a lot of pressure, and can make it feel like there's an admission fee for worship or for salvation.

Instead, we have a box, and if you are able to give to keep this ministry going, thank you, and please put your offering in the box anytime throughout our time together. You can also put your get-to-know-you cards in the box – if you are interested in serving to help this ministry continue, there is a place to indicate that as well.

Regardless from any offering of time or money, we know that we are called to glorify God by observing what Jesus taught us: to love God, and love one another.)

### **Offering Song: By Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

They'll know us by our love,  
Our love, our love, our love  
They'll know us by our love,  
Our love, our love, our love

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each other's dignity  
And save each other's pride

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love  
They'll know us by our love!

**- SENDING -**

**Thank you**

## **Benediction/Blessing**

God bless you and fill you with the Spirit. May God transform your heart and give you life in the name of Jesus. God smiles on you with grace and unfailing love.

## **Sending Song: One Thing Remains**

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant through the trial and the change  
One thing remains, this one thing remains

Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me

On and on and on and on it goes  
Till it overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I'll never, ever, have to be afraid  
One thing remains, this one thing remains

Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me

In death, and in life  
I'm confident and covered by the power  
Of your great love  
My debt is paid  
There's nothing that can separate my heart  
From Your great love

Your love never fails, it never gives up  
It never runs out on me  
Your love never fails, it never gives up  
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Of your great love  
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There's nothing that can separate my heart  
From Your great love

Your great love!

**Commission/sending us out into the world**

Go, full of hope and joy, and share God's unending  
love!

*All:* **Alleluia!**

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