

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
Easter Sunday
April 7th, 2023**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting Maureen & Michala

Life & Work of the Community

* Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today 155VU

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prayer for Easter Morning

* Hymn Hey Now, Singing Hallelujah! 121MV

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118 VU 837 (Pts 1, 2 & 3) VU 837

John 20: 1-18

May God's Word bless us with Good News

Thanks be for the Gift of Resurrection Life.

Sermon:

Prayers of the People

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

* Hymn I Come With Joy 477VU

Easter Communion Celebration

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn Joy comes With the Dawn 166VU

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth Halle, Halle, Halle 958VU

Upcoming dates

April 9 - 10:30 - EASTER CELEBRATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

April 16 - The Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands

Montague Food Bank Items need on a regular basis: canned meats and fish, soup, cereal, side and main dishes, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, condiments, unscented toiletries and pet food, feminine hygiene products, monetary donations to purchase fresh food.

Don't forget ***Emma's Cupboard***. Need ideas? Ravioli or KD microwavable bowls, Sunkist or Motts' fruit snacks, 100% juice packs, cheese and crackers and granola bars.

“Lost and Found”

Mary wept.
Standing in the garden,
soft dirt under her feet,
sun still tucked away,
sleeping under the horizon.

The other disciples left,
but Mary stayed.
Mary wept.
Shoulders shaking,
tears running down her face.
She said, they have taken my Lord away,
and I don't know where they put him.

But here's what Easter taught me:
if you think you've lost God,
if it feels like heaven has slipped through the cracks,
if you feel like the night will never end,
then know, there is no hide-and-seek with the divine
that doesn't end in you being found.

Stay still.
Keep breathing.
God is closer than you think.

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