03-31-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"As Easter people we must decide every day not to shrink in fear and doubt... We must have the faith to claim Christ's resurrection power in our own lives and choose to live victoriously, embodying and proclaiming God's love, compassion, justice, peace, and hope."

- Tracy S. Malone

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John 20:1-18

Questions for Reflection —

- What aspects of your life are in need of resurrection? What "stones" block you from living more fully and joyfully? What distractions keep you from engaging more deeply with your faith? What fears, limitations, or perceived inadequacies prevent your entering fully into the newness of life offered by the living Christ? How does the message of Jesus' resurrection give you hope in facing your personal challenges and difficulties?
- What does Jesus' resurrection mean to your everyday living? How will you continue to reflect on, celebrate, and proclaim Jesus' resurrection in the upcoming days? How will you share Easter hope and joy with those around you? What does It mean for us as a congregation to live corporately as Easter people? How can we through our programs and ministries better embody and proclaim God's love, compassion, justice, peace, and hope?
- When or how have you encountered Jesus in unexpected forms, places, and situations? Were you aware in the moment or only in retrospect? Where in the world do you see presently see evidence of the presence of the Risen Christ? What distracts you from recognizing that presence? What might help you to more readily perceive and recognize the presence and actions of the Risen Christ in your life and in our world?

Daily Household Prayer

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ. Amen.