

BLESSINGS ALWAYS
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Association Minister Message
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EASTER—the day of the Lord’s Resurrection, a precise moment and yet it happens over and over again forever. The foundation of the Christian faith is resurrection, an act that declares that death is overcome by eternal life and evil loses its power to goodness and mercy. Resurrection happens when reconciliation, peace, justice, and forgiveness are realized again and again and again and again.

God’s resurrection power transforms us and brings meaning and purpose in our lives. So often we live in the tombs of despair, conflict, and unhealthy relationships, even preparing the burial mixtures of oil and spices to cover up the decomposition of faith, hope, and love that is lacking with God and others.

The good news is that the stones that keep us in our tombs have been rolled away and resurrection—new life—life itself—is restored! The resurrected Christ is in our midst. We are called into the community of faith as a creation of God, God’s beloved, called as a member of God’s family. Jesus delivers us from *“the tyranny of the demonic.”* The resurrection faith reminds us that nothing, and *“nothing,”* can separate us from God’s love. Henry T. Smart, songwriter, wrote, *“Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.”*

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Easter Greetings to you

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