

The symbolic language of the crucifixion is the death of the old paradigm; resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking. Deepak Chopra

*"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."  
~Robert Flatt*

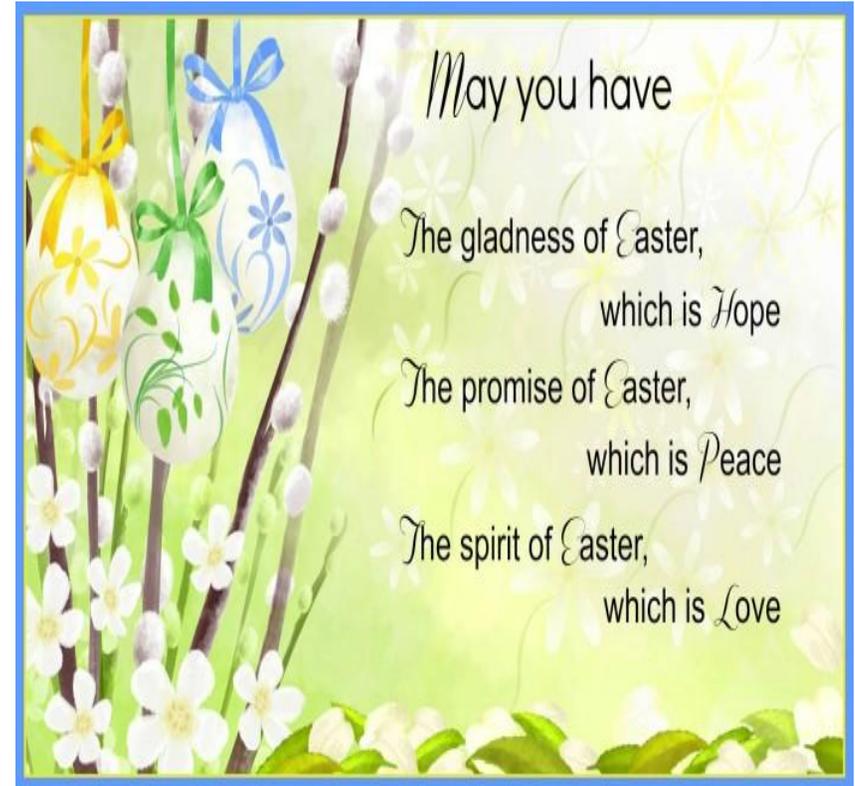


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## UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunrise Service



### W e l c o m e

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

## Easter Sunrise Service

7:30 Am

We Gather Together

We Share God's Peace

We Declare the Resurrection

*L: The Lord Jesus is risen*

**P: He is risen indeed!**

*L: Praise be to God in the Highest!*

**All: Hallelujah! Amen.**

**We Sing:** ( Morning Has Broken. "Morning Has Broken" is a popular and well-known Christian hymn first published in 1931. It has words by English author **Eleanor Farjeon** and is set to a traditional Scottish Gaelic tune known as "Bunessan" (it shares this tune with the 19th century Christmas Carol "Child in the Manger").

Morning has broken ,Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird;  
Praise for the singing ,Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall On the first grass;  
Praise for the sweetness ,Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play;  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation Of the new day.

Reading of the Resurrection Story : The Message

Mark16:1-8**16** <sup>1-3</sup> 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?"<sup>4-5</sup> Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.<sup>6-7</sup> He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said."<sup>8</sup> They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

**We Unfold Our Alleluias**

**The Easter Acclamation**

**L: Christ is Risen**

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed**

**We Pray Our Blessing For The Meal** Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be And bless these gifts. Bestowed by Thee. And bless our, And keep them in Your loving care. Amen