



everything [in] between

grief & hope

EASTER SUNDAY

The Women Grieve & Peter Runs to the Tomb



Fill My Cup
by Steve Prince
*Pen and ink on
paper*

For me, to not know Christ is to live a life thirsty for truth, meaning, understanding, and purpose. We search and search and it feels like we cannot find the thing that we were hoping for. It is not until we surrender and trust in faith that we are able to find peace. *We must open the door of our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to enter and to do the work.* Many will see us and not believe that the peace we exude is real, looking at us with skeptical eyes. Many will come thirsty, wondering from whence cometh our help, and some will know, and they shall rejoice for we have seen the light. *Our daily prayer is that God will have us thirst no more and fill our cup.* —**Steve Prince**

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Liturgy, prayers and poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees.

We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.
But today—
 today we know hope.
Today we know life.
 Today we know the sound of Alleluias.
Today we know that death does not have the last word.
 Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
It is Easter. May hope find you.
And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.
 Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* VT 346

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* VT 355

Children's Time

CONFESSING & SEEKING RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

The Gospel of Luke says, " ... but Peter got up and ran toward the tomb."

 Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.
 Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you.
 Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of Faith ...

 God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear.
 God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between.
 Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Worship Music *Canon of Praise* (Natalie Sleeth)

Poem *In the Direction of Hope* (by Rev. Sarah Speed)

HYMN *Now the Green Blade Riseth* VT 353

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Reading: *Luke 24:1-12*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES & PRAYING

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340

Benediction

Postlude

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary. If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Russell Goering & Cheryl Warkentin
Nursery: Adam & Maggie Pounds
Organist: Pauline Buller
Song Leader: Jon Miller
Worship Leaders: Tonya Ramer Wenger, Santalena Caudillo
Choir Director: Calvin Buller
Choir Accompanist: Pauline Buller
Children's Time: Adam and Maggie Pounds
Sermon: Jim Unruh

Easter Lilies

In memory of John Gaeddert

. . . Russ & Jean Gaeddert

In memory of Anna Grace & Virgil Flickinger

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In memory of our grandparents

Leonard & Delores Goering and Abe & Kathryn Nikkel

. . . Maggie & Adam Pounds, Arlo & Eva

In memory of Aunt Michelle Sanchez-Woodson

. . . Jamar & Anna Crable, Jalen, Javion & Jaxton

In memory of A. Rebecka Nikkel

Doris & Menno Schmidt

. . . Russell & Julie Goering

In memory of my husband, Peter Neufeld

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