The Resurrection

We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life

The stone's been rolled away
The tomb lay open and bare
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here

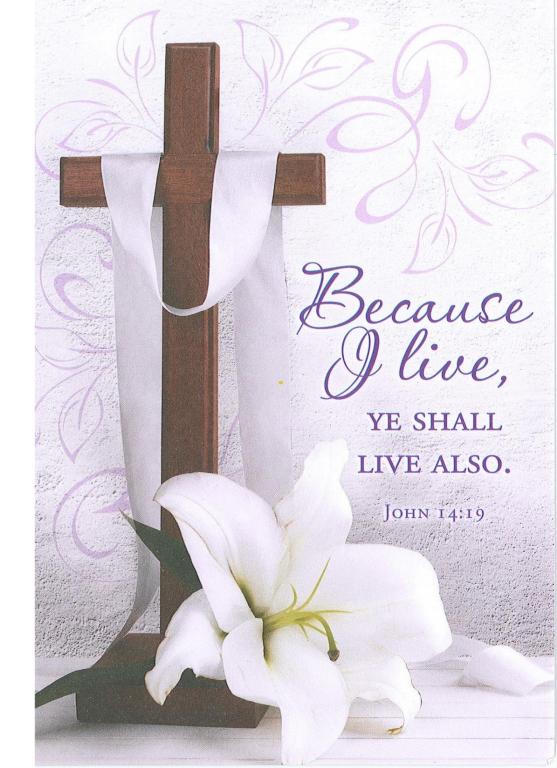
Oh what joy they must have felt To see Him just once more To eat with Him, to drink with Him To receive Him back as Lord

So much did He accomplish Through His death upon the cross And in His rising from the dead He reconciled us back to God

Nothing else could bridge the gap That sin had wrenched apart Now we can freely go to God And receive Christ in our hearts

~ M. S. Lowndes





Easter Celebration Sunday

March 31, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Opening Worship Song"(Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Welcome & InvocationRev. J. Tim Hoover
Prelude
Old Testament Reading (Acts 10:34-43)Sandy Shaffer
Praise & Worship"Great Things" "What a Beautiful Name"
PrayerSue Fuller
Kids' Sing"Sing It"
Kids' TalkElna Morton
Hymn #322"Up from the Grave He Arose"
Offering/Blessing of Gifts"The Easter Song"
Doxology
Duet
New Testament Reading (John 20:1-18)
Message Rev. J. Tim Hoover
Responding to God's Love"Same Power"
Benediction/Blessing
Exit Song""This Is Amazing Grace"

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

 II Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb I2 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

