

Meditation Text

Resurrection is here and now, for one and all. And if we are free to defy deathly institutions, we are now free to pour out our lives in service to death's victims, to offer compassion, to secure justice, to inoculate the world against its destructive, exclusive/disregarding, and death-dealing ways.

Father John Dear, *Lazarus, Come Forth!*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Chiming the Trinity

Invitation to Worship

Frank Granger

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Anna Laura Page

Invocation

Emily Harbin

Hymn 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 130

Mike Cleland

Call to Confession

Janet Cleland

To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us in unison confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of life, we come to you consumed by our worry and our pain.
When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us.
When we turn away from you in moments of loss,
guide us back to your faithful arms.

For we long to put our faith in your promised healing.
We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and the life.
Teach us once more, O God, that you weep when we weep,
and rejoice as we find our way home.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, this is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Testimony in Song

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Randy Brittain, Soloist

Charles H. Gabriel/
arr. Hugh Alexander

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Frank Granger

Hymn 545

In the Bulb

PROMISE

Scripture Lesson

John 11: 1-45
Narrator: Emily Harbin
Jesus: Randy Brittain
Disciple: Frank Granger
Martha: Janet Cleland
Mary: Teresa Granger

Children's Moment

Janet Cleland

Sermon

When Jesus Gets Closer than Six Feet

Mike Cleland

Moments of Reflection

Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. Mark Hayes

Benediction

Frank Granger

Postlude

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

Dale Wood