

EASTER MESSAGE NOTES

Luke 24:1-12

Easter hope and resurrection ask us to:

1. Show up

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.” Luke 24:1

2. Face our fears

“While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground...” Luke 24:4-5

3. Hear the good news of new life

“... but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5

4. Tell the story

“Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.” Luke 24:8-9

Easter Prayer

Eternal One, Your love never waivers. You continue to give us new life, planting the seeds of hope. We see evidence of resurrection all around, in the blossoming buds of trees, and in young voices speaking truth. Help us to listen to Your voice that is coming to us in new and stronger ways, a voice that calls us to justice, mercy, and peace. Help us to see Your love at work, in the beauty around us. Help us to see Your love at work in the people who are coming together to stand for justice and truth. We heard Your voice through the prophets of old, and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the witnesses of the women at the tomb, and we hear it again now. Your love never fails, and continues to grow. Help us to listen, learn, and love. Amen. by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

The Kingdom is near:

1. What fears are holding you back from fully living?

2. Where do you see resurrection?

3. How might you share the Easter story of hope and new life?