

First CRC Worship at Home

May 10, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Call to Worship: Evelin and Sean

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God’s people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

Welcome and God’s Greeting

Song of Praise: Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Call to Confession: Romans 8:22-25

Prayer of Confession:

Lord of Creation and Lord of our lives,

Today we feel the pain of a broken world. Ordinary comforts no longer comfort us. Daily distractions no longer distract us. We seek joy and peace in this world; but we need a joy and peace that are not of this world.

Lord, we are hurting. Make us whole.

Lord of Creation and Lord of our lives,

You offer healing for those who hurt; comfort for those who mourn; satisfaction for those who hunger; freedom for those imprisoned. When we struggle we demand to know how long you will make us wait.

Lord, we are impatient. Help us wait.

Lord of Creation and Lord of our lives,

You promise to come to us and make all things new. It is hard for us to trust when every day brings the same worries; the same frustrations; the same bad news.

Lord, we are restless. Be our peace.

Lord of Creation and Lord of our lives,

You call us to be people of hope. Give us hope that is greater than our fears. As people of hope, free us from distraction and despair. Inspire us to see your hand at work. Empower us to join your saving purposes. Encourage us with the knowledge that we, and this good world, are not lost causes. By the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:31-32 - Charlotte

Song of Preparation: Your Labor is Not in Vain

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-27

Sermon: *Eager Expectation*

Prayer of God’s People

Song: Ten Thousand Reasons

God’s Blessing

Doxology: Marc G.