

Greetings Merging Waters,

March 30th, 2021

This Holy Week we walk a path toward the cross and this Sunday we are met by the empty tomb. We are asked to explore reconciliation with ourselves, one another, and the Divine in Lent and in particular Holy week. Seeking to confront the ways that are broken in our lives, society, and faith, so that we can find healing and discover new life in the experience of resurrection living. I encourage you all not to miss the journey through Holy Week, something I am well aware you can handle – not afraid to confront the things that are broken Merging Waters is a community capable of facing this journey.

Indeed Sunday, by the journey through doubt and fear in the narrative of the story of Jesus' ministry, confrontation with oppressive power, and crucifixion, we will come to our reading of [Mark 16:1-8](#). An empty tomb, found by the courageous ones who were willing to venture there, left with an open ending. God had broken all of our expectations and confounded our fears with hope and wonderment, yet the end, whatever end we hoped for is unwritten, uncertain. The Spirit of Love is let loose in the world, neither deterred or limited by our boundaries or rules, even the cycle of life and death is broken.

- If God is loose in the world, what are you being called to be and do?
- How will you express your resurrection living this year?
- What is the Spirit saying to the churches?
- What is the hope we find in Jesus inspiring you to do in the world?
- What vision will we live out, letting that which is spiritually dead become resurrected into new life and new ways, as Merging Waters?

Looking forward to our journey this week and into the future.

Peace and hope,

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