

# WORSHIP GUIDE for APRIL 24, 2022

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

Hello, Friends! It's the season of resurrection. What does that mean to you, for you, in your life? This Sunday, we'll look at the first - and maybe the most beloved - of all the resurrection stories of Jesus: the one where it's just him and Mary, and she knows him at the sound of her name. It being Earth Sunday, we'll ask about the significance of this meeting happening in a garden. If you haven't had a chance to read the "Becoming Rooted" devotions this week from the Climate Action group, check those out - they're on our Facebook page and were emailed in Thursday's Happenings, or you can find them here:

<http://fbcmac.org/earth-week/>. And if you're looking through this guide and you don't know the songs, not to worry - this week's music leaders will teach them during the prelude, so when we come to them in the service, you can sing along loudly!

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude - Joel Kiff, Rob Higgins, Dave Sumner**

**Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

**Gathering Song: *Leave It There***

**- Joel Kiff, Rob Higgins, Dave Sumner**

If this world with-hold from you of its silver and its gold  
And you have to get along with meager fare,  
Just remember in God's word how She feeds the little bird  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Leave it there, leave it there,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

If you trust and never doubt, God will surely bring you out,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

If your body suffers pain and your health you can't regain,  
And your Soul is almost sinking in despair;  
Jesus knows the pain you feel, He can save and He can heal  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Leave it there, leave it there,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.  
If you trust and never doubt, God will surely bring you out,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

When your enemies assail and your heart begins to fail,  
Don't forget that God in heaven answers prayer;  
God will make a way for you and will safely lead you through-  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Leave it there, leave it there,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.  
If you trust and never doubt, God will surely bring you out,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

When your youthful days are gone and old age is stealing on,  
And your body bends beneath the weight of care,  
God will never leave you then, He'll go with you to the end-  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Leave it there, leave it there,  
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.  
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Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

## **Gathering Prayer &**

### **Communal Prayer from the Center for Action and Contemplation**

**- Lara O'Brady**

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality every thing and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### **Children's Time - Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister**

#### **Scripture: John 20:11-18**

Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain. They asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She answered them, "Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body." No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please, if you are the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned to him and said, "Rabbi!" Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, 'I'm ascending to my Abba and your Abba, my God and your God!'" Mary of Magdala went to

*the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. Then she reported what the Savior had said to her.*

**Sermon - Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**Response Song: A Little Light**

**- Joel Kiff, Rob Higgins, Dave Sumner))**

Through all these earthly trials of sorrow  
Through all these days of doubt and sin  
Through all these eternal nights with no tomorrow  
Gotta stay on the straight and narrow  
And find a little light within

Gotta walk that road (gotta walk that road)  
All the way to heaven (all the way to heaven)  
Gotta walk that road (gotta walk that road), until the dawn  
Gotta walk that road all night  
All you need is a little light  
And the closer you get, Lord, the brighter it turns on

Don't need no compass, no map or chart  
I don't need no stars shining above  
I don't need nothing but a little light in my heart  
Glowing inside me like a beacon of love

Gotta walk that road (gotta walk that road)  
All the way to heaven (all the way to heaven)  
Gotta walk that road (gotta walk that road), until the dawn  
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All you need is a little light  
And the closer you get, Lord, the brighter it turns on  
I said the closer you get, Lord, the brighter it turns on

### **Pastoral Prayer & Sharing Our Joys video**

**Special Music: *Hard Times* - Joel Kiff, Rob Higgins, Dave Sumner**

**Closing Words - Rev. Erika Marksbury**

### **Going Forth Song: *I Saw the Light***

**- Joel Kiff, Rob Higgins, Dave Sumner**

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight

Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray  
For straight is the gate and narrows the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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