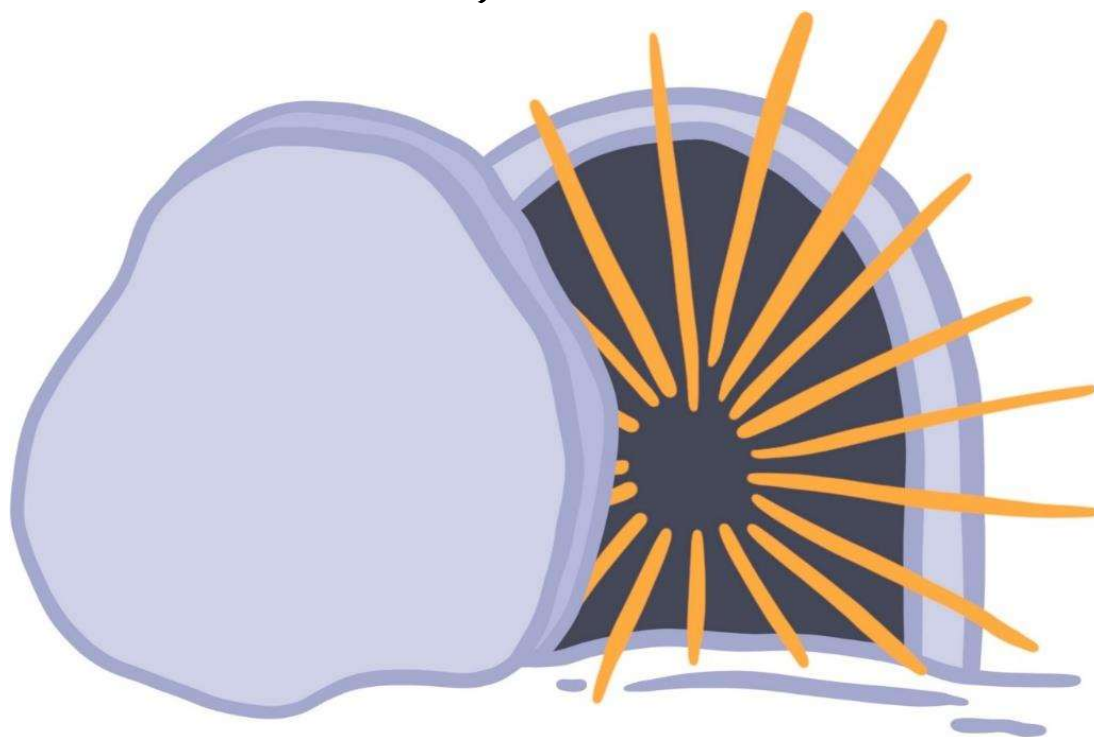


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

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**Hope is Alive**

**Thought for Meditation**

“The Resurrection of Christ, a central doctrine of Christianity, is based on the belief that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on the third day after his Crucifixion and that through his conquering of death all believers will subsequently share in his victory over “sin, death, and the devil.” The celebration of this event, called Easter/Pascha, or the Festival of the Resurrection, is the major feast day of the world’s churches. The accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus are found in the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—and various theological expressions of the early church's universal conviction and consensus that Christ rose from the dead are found throughout the rest of the New Testament...”

Dr. Caleb Danjuma Dami

## Welcome and Introduction

Revelation 1:4-5

Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come. Amen

## Opening Prayer

### **\*Call To Worship** *(Responsively)*

L: Early in the morning light,

**P: The women went to Jesus' tomb.**

L: The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

**P: for God's love is stronger than death itself.**

L: Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

**P: "We have seen the Lord!"**

L: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed!**

**\* Hymn of Praise** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (v.1-2) #367

## Prayer of Confession

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading****John 20:1-9**

1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said, "and we do not know where they have put Him!" 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out for the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down and looked in at the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Simon Peter arrived just after him. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. 7The cloth that had been around Jesus' head was rolled up, lying separate from the linen cloths. 8Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. And he saw and believed. 9For they still did not understand from the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

**Reflection**

He is Alive!

**\* Hymn of Dedication**

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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**\*Benediction and Easter Proclamation***(Responsively)*

The tomb is empty, Christ is risen!

**He is alive! Christ is risen! Alleluia**

Go tell it on the mountains, Christ is risen today.

**Alleluia, He is alive! Christ is risen!**

Live this day and always for Christ Jesus

He is risen, Christ is alive, and lives in you.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

