

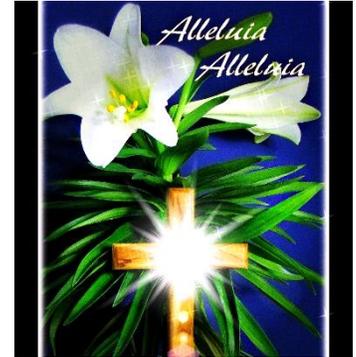
## Renew - Restore - Redirect

### *Our Story of Hope*

**Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly."  
John 10:10**

God has intervened, transforming the cross from a symbol of defeat to one of forgiveness and salvation. The angel announces, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said, Come, see the place where he lay."

Because it is God's action, resurrection is not merely something that happened in a garden in Palestine some two thousand years ago. Resurrection happens today, in and among us, transforming us through its power, **renewing** us with God's love, **restoring** us with the gift of life everlasting, **redirecting** our lives in love and service to others.



Still, like the women at the tomb, we are sometimes afraid. Often, we find ourselves preoccupied not with life, but with death. Even more it seems in these times of isolation, hearing news that is disturbing, feeling disconnected. Here is where the "Good News" of Jesus resurrection can take hold and reshape our fears and failings. Here is the call of God in Christ, "to seek the things that are above...to set our minds on Christ...for our life is hidden with Christ in God."

So it is that we commissioned, to "go quickly and to tell" our neighbors, friends and family, that Jesus is Risen, and Jesus is going before us. He will meet us in all the places in our lives, be it happy or sad, joyful or lonely. Jesus will meet us and greet us. "Greetings!" And like the women in the gospel may we take hold of Jesus, may we also bow down in worship and give the glory to God.

Nothing can defeat us, together with God, with our Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are stirred to live our lives in victory, over all that would bind. "We have been raised with Christ!"

*Jesus Christ is Risen!  
He has Risen, indeed!  
Alleluia!*