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April 12, 2020

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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April 12, 2020

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- THIS IS THE DAY
- THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
- HE LIVES
- BECAUSE HE LIVES
- HE'S ALIVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-6

MESSAGE

THE HOPE OF EASTER

Randy Thomas

PLEASE NOTE:

Please send prayer requests through mail, email, Facebook, or text.



THE HOPE OF EASTER

Matthew 28:1-6 (NLT2)

¹ Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. ⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.

*New sermon series begins next week: “Lifestyles of the Young and Restless”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NLT2)

¹ Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. ³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

I. VICTORY OVER DESPAIR

John 20:11-13 (NLT2)

¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

Sometimes grief and despair overwhelm us but Jesus’ resurrection overcomes death and hopelessness in our lives.

*Mary Magdalene’s overwhelming grief & despair

*Mary Magdalene found the hope in her risen Lord.

II. VICTORY OVER FEAR

John 20:19 (NLT2)

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said.

When we are afraid we can be sure that God is greater than all of our fears.

III. VICTORY OVER DOUBT

John 20:26-27 (NLT2)

²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing

among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

IV. VICTORY OVER WORRY

John 21:4-5 (NLT2)

⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. ⁵ He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?” “No,” they replied.

Notes:

***Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

☐ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

☐ I recommitted my life to Jesus Christ this morning.

☐ I will trust Jesus as the answer to my problems.

☐ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Matthew 28:6 (NLT2)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Happy Birthday John Sparks on April 12th and Ella Ward on April 19th!
- With God's grace we have the sermon posted online <https://www.fsfumc.com>
- If you're on Facebook, find our page, facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc, and "Like" and follow us for updates, we're also on Twitter.
- Our website [FSFUMC.com](https://www.fsfumc.com) will also be a source for information
- Office hours will remain the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine: Any items you donate are greatly appreciated.
- Our Food Bank is running low on the basics, as are most grocery stores, if you have any extra canned or dried goods you'd like to donate, please let us know. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help during regular business hours.

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service (Views as of Thursday).....62

**Please leave a comment to let us know you watched
with us and what you thought of the service!**

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for continued healing for: The Neylands. Johnnie & Olga Rivera. Kay Magee. Blaine Ward. Denna Sadler. Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom. Sara Borden. Melba Ward. Sylvia Thomas. Eva Gail Abington. Terri Klutts Young, Jim & Beth Ivy's friend, who fought cancer ten years ago, and it has returned. Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece. Graham & Tara Bowman. Kelli Neeb Kemp. Wesley Robbins, David's nephew.

