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All Are Welcome to Worship at
St John's United Church of Christ
on Madeline Island

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Seen For Easter Day

*You had not imagined
that something so empty
could fill you
to overflowing,*

*and now you carry
the knowledge
like an awful treasure
or like a child
that curls itself
within your heart:*

*how the emptiness
will bear forth
a new world
you cannot fathom
but on whose edge
you stand.*

*So why do you linger?
You have seen,
and so you are
already blessed.
You have seen,
and so you are
the blessing.*

*There is no other word
you need.
There is simply
to go and tell.
There is simply
to begin.*

Jan Richardson



PRAYER LIST

Those in need of healing: Jim Nendze (Connie Pries' brother-in-law), Louise McCray and her husband Patrick, Sunny Holst and his family, Diane (Ronnie's cousin), Linda Cory (L2), Shirley Harrold (Ronnie's cousin), Sue Pass, Marina Lachecki, Lisa Sill, Jerome Walch, Leslie Livingston, Sandy Erwin (friend of Ronnie's), Ron Crofoot, Judy Schmidt, Bill Hable, Judith and Terry Ball, Ginny Stryker Brodeen (Julie's cousin), Gabriella (Regina's niece), Margie Smith, Joel (Judy Hable's nephew), Kate Smith, Kevin (Ronnie's cousin), Mary (Judy Hable's granddaughter), Jay Costello (Penny Gill's cousin), Betty Tillman (Sue Pass's mom), Tom Lewandowski (Becky, Molly and Julie's brother).

Our Elders in care: Gary Rieman, Jim Lacy, John Soucek, Helen Anderson and Todd Carlson.

CALENDAR

Bible Study will meet again on May 7th in the Fellowship Hall Contact Pastor Nathan for a zoom link.

Woods Hall hours for April
Fri & Sat 11– 3: Sun 11-1

Balance and Exercise Group

Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am
at the Healing Motion yurt, 900 Big Bay Road.
Please join us. Questions: contact group facilitators:
Becky Hogan, 218-310-6092 or
Marnie Sanborn Myhre, (651) 308-9829
Join Zoom Meeting (at link or scan QR code):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84583329061?pwd=SGVDTDYwbGw5a05LdFZkYUE3UXR2QT09> Meeting ID: 845 8332 9061
Passcode: Balance

AA Meetings

Saturdays at 5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

AlAnon Meeting *Serenity on the Rock AlAnon Meetings
in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00pm

*AlAnon is a mutual support organization for the families and
friends of alcoholics. All are welcome.*



PRELUDE

*"Ode To Joy", by Beethoven,
performed by Nathan, Paula Wurst and Sheri*

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.
But not today.

Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Christ is risen today.

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 233

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake.

The angels say, "He is not here!"

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

but we do not want to hear it.

Peter runs to the tomb,

but we do not understand.

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb
is nothing more than a prank.

**Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths
and still holding tight to death.**

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope
when you are alive and well in the world.

Teach us to see what you see.

Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24. 1-12

Debbie Knopf

SERMON

"And I Hope"

Pastor Nathan Holst

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"Hope Will Rise Again" by
Andra Moran and Ben Grace, performed by Nathan, Sheri and
Cecil Matthews.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

COMMUNION SONG

"The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing"
performed by Nathan, Charlie and Sheri

COMMUNION

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN "Peace I Leave With You My Friends"
No. 249

BENEDICTION

