



Central United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

GATHERING & WELCOME

SONG

I Am an Acorn by Carol Johnson)

I Am an Acorn

1. D Em^7 (or G) D Em^7

2. I am an a-corn, the pack-et the seed
God is with-in me and God is the tree I am un-
fold-ing the way I should be Carved in the palm of God's
hand Carved in the palm of God's hand

1. I am an acorn, the packet, the seed
2. God is within me, & God is the tree
3. I am unfolding the way I should be
4. & 5. Carved in the palm of His hand (2x)
[Sown in the soil of God's land (2x)]

— Carol Johnson

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PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

Easter People Raise Your Voices

UMH #304

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our God empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24.1-12 (NRSVUE)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

MEDITATION & INVITATION

Examining Spices and Scraps

CLOSING SONG

This is the Day

UMH #657

This is the day, (this is the day) that our God has made, (that our God has made.)
Let us rejoice, (let us rejoice) and be glad in it, (and be glad in it.)
This is the day that our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, (this is the day) that our God has made.

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