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Featuring Marsha and Cindy Stevens-Pino

**Sermon**  
“Stones and Surprises”  
**Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson**

**Song of Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**  
(Join us in signing when instructed)

Jesus stand among us in Your Risen Power,  
Let this time of worship be a holy hour  
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart,  
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

**Offering /Offertory**  
**Doxology**  
**Communion**  
**Invitation**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
The Holy One be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**And, now, we will rise and sing the song that Jesus taught us.**

Our Creator, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name! Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory  
Forever, Amen

**Closing Song**  
“You Live”  
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**Benediction**

**Lyrics****"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"****Verse 1—Sung by Song Leader And Choir**

Let The Victor's People Sing, Alleluia! Where, O Death, Is Now Your Sting?  
Alleluia!

Dying Once, Christ Lives To Save, Alleluia! Where Your Victory, O Grave?  
Alleluia!

Soar We Now Where Christ Has Led, Alleluia! Following Our Exalted Head,  
Alleluia!

Made Like Christ, Like Christ We Rise, Alleluia! Ours The Cross, The Grave, The  
Skies, Alleluia!

**"Up From The Grave He Arose"**

Low In The Grave He Lay, Jesus My Savior, Waiting The Coming Day, Jesus My God!

Up From The Grave He Arose, With A Mighty Triumph O'er His Foes;  
He Arose A Victor From The Dark Domain, And He Lives Forever, With The Saints To  
Reign. Christ Arose! Christ Arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!

Vainly They Watch His Bed, Jesus My Savior;  
Vainly They Seal The Dead, Jesus My God!

Up From The Grave He Arose, With A Mighty Triumph O'er His Foes;  
He Arose A Victor From The Dark Domain, And He Lives Forever, With The Saints To  
Reign. Christ Arose! Christ Arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!

Death Cannot Keep Its Prey, Jesus My Savior;  
You Tore The Bars Away, Jesus My God!

Up From The Grave He Arose, With A Mighty Triumph O'er His Foes;  
He Arose A Victor From The Dark Domain, And He Lives Forever, With The Saints To  
Reign. Christ Arose! Christ Arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!

**"You Live!"**

I Serve A Risen Savior, Who's In The World Today; I Know That You Are Living,  
Whatever Others Say. I See Your Hand Of Mercy, I Hear Your Voice Of Cheer,  
And Just The Time I Need You, You're Always Near.

You Live, You Live, Christ Jesus Lives Today! You Walk With Me And Talk With Along Life's  
Narrow Way. You Live, You Live, Salvation To Impart!  
You Ask Me How I Know You Live? You Live Within My Heart.

In All The World Around Me I See Your Loving Care, And Though My Heart Grows Weary, I  
Never Will Despair. I Know That You Are Leading Through All The Stormy Blast; The Day Of  
Your Appearing Will Come At Last.

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**First Reading****Selection from "Lent In Plain Sight"**

I believe transformation is possible...I often hear the phrase, "People never change." As a follower of the Risen Christ, I simply refuse to capitulate to such fatalism. The women going that third day to Jesus' tomb expected to find a stone blocking their way to the body of their beloved teacher. Instead they encountered an open entrance. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James brought spices and oil to anoint a dead man. Instead, two angels appeared and the body of Jesus was nowhere to be seen. Our anticipation of death, defeat and endings gives way to God's plan for life, resurrection and new beginnings.

Transformation happens. Not always. Not easily. Sometimes in fits and starts. Remembering that life-infused change comes to those gathered around graves, I see that Jesus goes ahead of me to Galilee and will meet me there, calling me to act faithfully even in the face of staggeringly bad odds.

When others see insurmountable barriers, boulders impossible to move, people of faith see the possibility of God's glory revealed in life-giving ways. That's why we go to the grave singing, "Alleluia!"

All of us encounter seemingly immovable stones. We face loss or illness, disappointment or depression, oppression or exploitation, grief or separation. Circumstances unimaginable become all too real and we feel the pain of slamming into a boulder that refuses to budge. And yet, angels whisper, "Jesus is Risen," . . . death does not have the last word.

All of us struggle with the unanswered question of "why?"

I question God's providence wisdom and power in certain circumstances. Yet, knowing that the stone had been moved, and that Jesus lives, makes me want to proclaim that truth all the way to Galilee and back, to the ends of the earth, until Jesus comes again and we see and believe.

**Second Reading****Luke 24:1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came 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? Jesus is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Humanity must be handed over to 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. 10Now 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.