

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP

March 26-April 1, 2018

*Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.*

### BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Mark 16:1-8 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=293173525>).

Other readings are: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The theme is: Love Comes to Life.

Some people have a tradition of waking up Easter morning and putting on new clothes. Easter baskets or eggs may await. Easter Sunday is often celebrated as a happy day from start to finish, but John's gospel and Prospect's early morning Easter worship service declare that truly we start Easter by facing the darkness and staring into the emptiness. There was no joy when Mary first saw the empty tomb. Instead of finding her Lord, she was met with absence. The fear, anxiety, and grief were overwhelming. Which one of us does not understand that? Whether the emptiness is brought on by the loss of a job, a divorce, or the death of a loved one, it is hard to see through tear-stained eyes the new life that awaits us. Even those who "believe" (verse 8) do not yet "understand" (verse 9). In the midst of emptiness and loss, Jesus comes to Mary; yet she does not recognize his voice until he calls her by name. The One who knows Mary intimately gives her holy work to do, telling her to share with others the Good News that Light has triumphed over darkness. Jesus is alive! God's steadfast Love truly does endure forever!

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

*"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.*

**Mary told others, "I have seen the Lord" and then shared what he told her.**

**What Good News have you been given to share?**

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of March 25:

**How can you bear witness to the "alternate" kingdom that Jesus proclaimed?**

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