

**Easter Sunday**  
**Pastor Mark Rouse - April 12, 2020**

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life. - Proverbs 13:12

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.  
- Hebrews 6:19

**An Anchor for Our Souls**

**1) Hope in the MINISTRY of Jesus.**

<sup>16</sup> When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” - Mark 2:16-17

**2) Hope in the RESURRECTION of Jesus.**

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” - John 20:29

**3) Hope in the ETERNAL MESSAGE of Jesus.**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?” - John 11:25-26 \* *put your name in there!*

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
- Romans 15:13