



HAPPY EASTER!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Sermon Series: Hope

Sermon Title: Real Hope

Scripture: John 20

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes
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Real Hope

Big Idea

When your hope is gone, trust God.

John 20

So many Mary's
Mary, the Mother of Jesus
Mary Magdalene
Mary of Bethany
Mary, the Wife of Copas

She came = effort
Because she came, she
discovered (found He's gone!)

The strength of hope and the source
of hope rests in God's faithfulness.

One person knew, only one!

“Mary teaches us that when we hold fast to our faith,
when we bear witness to the truth, and when we
step out in faith to share the Good News with others,
we become part of a tapestry woven by God.”

-Leonard Sweet

Sermon Questions

Ice Breaker: What's your favorite Easter tradition?

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?
2. Describe the range of emotions that Mary experienced that first Easter Sunday morning. What caused such a roller coaster of emotions?
3. What is touching about Jesus' dealing with Mary? What do we discover about Jesus from this encounter? (See John 10:3-5,14-16) How does this help us when we feel overwhelmed?
4. What piece of evidence do you find most compelling for the resurrection? How would you respond to a friend who said, 'surely we can't believe that Jesus really rose from the dead?'
5. Look at Jesus's words to Mary in verse 17. What do we learn about the significance of Jesus' resurrection? How does this provide assurance for us at a time like this?
6. Why does Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to him? What will it look like for us to do the same in a time fraught with fear and anxiety? How does the gospel provide real hope and security?
7. Jesus asks Mary to go tell the disciples that he has risen. Who have you told this to lately? Are you sharing this truth with actions and words with those around you?