

**"ALIVE AND ANEW IN LIVING PEACE!" - APRIL 11, 2021  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**ACTS 4:32-35; 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2; JOHN 20:19-31**

**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Have you ever seen the wind blowing through the trees, crashing the waves against the shore, and suddenly everything goes still? Have you ever watched someone you love rushing around the house or overcome with concern and emotion, and suddenly the one you love is calm? Have you ever been outside, walking down the street, out in the woods, out for a day on the water, or maybe you have been in the office or house, and you cannot hear a sound? The disciples were uneasy and full of fear that first Easter night in the upper room. The Risen Christ gave them, gives us, what we need the most, - new peace, real peace, living peace! When your busy life and pounding heart fills you with pace, worry, brokenness, and demands keep crashing, banging and breaking your spirit; trust The Risen Christ breaks into your midst, too, to raise you up, for you are alive and anew in peace, real peace, living peace in the grace of The Risen Christ!**

1. We all know what worry, fear, stress sound like. Thanks to the grace of The Risen Christ, we are alive and anew in grace and living peace.  
Acts 4:32; 1 John 1:5; John 20:19-20, 25-26, 30-31
  - A. Have you ever been quieted by the peace on another's face when peace did not seem possible?
  - B. May The Risen Christ calm you and quiet you, and raise you up, to be alive and anew in peace, living peace in the grace of Christ!
  
2. We all know what brokenness, sin, despair and helplessness sound like. Thanks to the grace of The Risen Christ, we are alive and anew in peace, restored and living peace. 1 John 1:6-10; John 20:19-23, 26-29
  - A. You know what calm and quiet sound like when all else is crashing.
  - B. May you hear the hope, power, peace of The One who hears you and speaks peace, The One who is peace, to restore us to be alive and anew in the living peace and grace of The Risen Christ!

3. We all know what it is like to try and hold onto peace. Thanks to the grace of The Risen Christ, we are raised to be alive, anew in peace, held by The One who is living peace. Acts 4:33; 1 John 2:1-2; John 20:20-23
  - A. You know when others have the peace you are longing for.
  - B. Peace, true peace, is being held by The One who is living peace, being held in the grace of The Risen Christ!
  
4. Have you ever known the unrest of trying to tell another about The Risen Christ? Have you ever tried to tell another about the peace you know? Have you ever wished you could share the power and grace you live in, that you could find the secret to telling them the living peace we live in, is no secret? Acts 4:33; 1 John 1:2-3; John 20:25, 28, 30-31
  - A. You are witnesses to the peace of witnessing, the peace of telling another The Good News, being alive and anew in Christ!
  - B. Peace, new peace, real peace, living peace, being alive and anew in the peace of God's grace has been spoken, for Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!