

**"EASTER HEARTS, ALIVE, ANEW IN PEACE!" - APRIL 28, 2019**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**ACTS 5:27-32; REVELATION 1:4-8; JOHN 20:19-31**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

The peace at day break can be amazing. The quiet. The stillness. The calm. The hope of a new day. What does the word, 'peace,' mean to you? What do you need 'peace' to be, at day break, all day long, when your day ends? Would you like more peace and quiet? Less worry, pain or stress? Is world peace what concerns you? What is 'peace' and where do you find it, or experience it? Today we hear again of Jesus appearing to his disciples. They are not being noisy, in fact, they are being quite quiet. They are not busy, in fact, they are sitting around. The disciples are in the midst of uncertainty, questions, doubts and fears. Not the least of which is who are they, what do they believe, what is real to them. It is 'the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the first day of new life springing forth,' yet, they have no peace. The Risen Jesus appears; says, 'Peace be with you.' When we need quiet, stillness, calm - within our hearts, our spirits, our faith - let us trust we are given Easter hearts, 'peace is with us' and we are alive, anew, in the grace of The Risen Christ, for Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

1. The peace of an Easter heart at day break, at day's end, is amazing!  
John 20:19-22,26
  - A. Are you able to experience new life in the peace at day break?
  - B. What keeps you from taking hold and trusting the new life springing forth in the quiet, the stillness, the calm?
  - C. How does peace come to you and break in, to give you life?
  - D. Those who carry this peace all day, who surrender to this peace in the middle of their day, who are saved by this peace all day long, who rest in peace at day's end, are alive, anew in peace, real peace!
2. Expectations, obligations, fears, callings, drive, passion can get in the way of peace, and new life. Expectations, obligations, fears, callings, drive and passion can spring forth Easter hearts with new life; celebrated, served and fulfilled with great peace in The Risen Christ!

- A. The disciples, 'when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,' were in the midst of expectations, obligations, fears, callings, drive and passion; they knew no peace springing forth. John 20:19,25
- i. Uncertainty could not cast aside fear.
  - ii. Uncertainty could not cast aside short comings.
  - iii. Uncertainty could not cast aside doubt.
- B. We, like the disciples, are blessed with the grace of new life, peace is with us, alive, anew, in the midst of our expectations, obligations, fears, callings, drive and passions. Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19,22,26,29
- i. Jesus is alive, anew, in the midst of our fears!
  - ii. Jesus is alive, anew, in the midst of our short comings!
  - iii. Jesus is alive, anew, in the midst of our doubt!
3. The peace of Easter hearts at day break is amazing. The peace of knowing, believing, trusting the peace of Easter hearts does not die as the day goes forward, as night draws near, as the uncertainty of another new day approaches; this peace lives forever! Trust with Easter hearts, we are alive and anew in the peace beyond all understanding, for Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
John 20:30-31