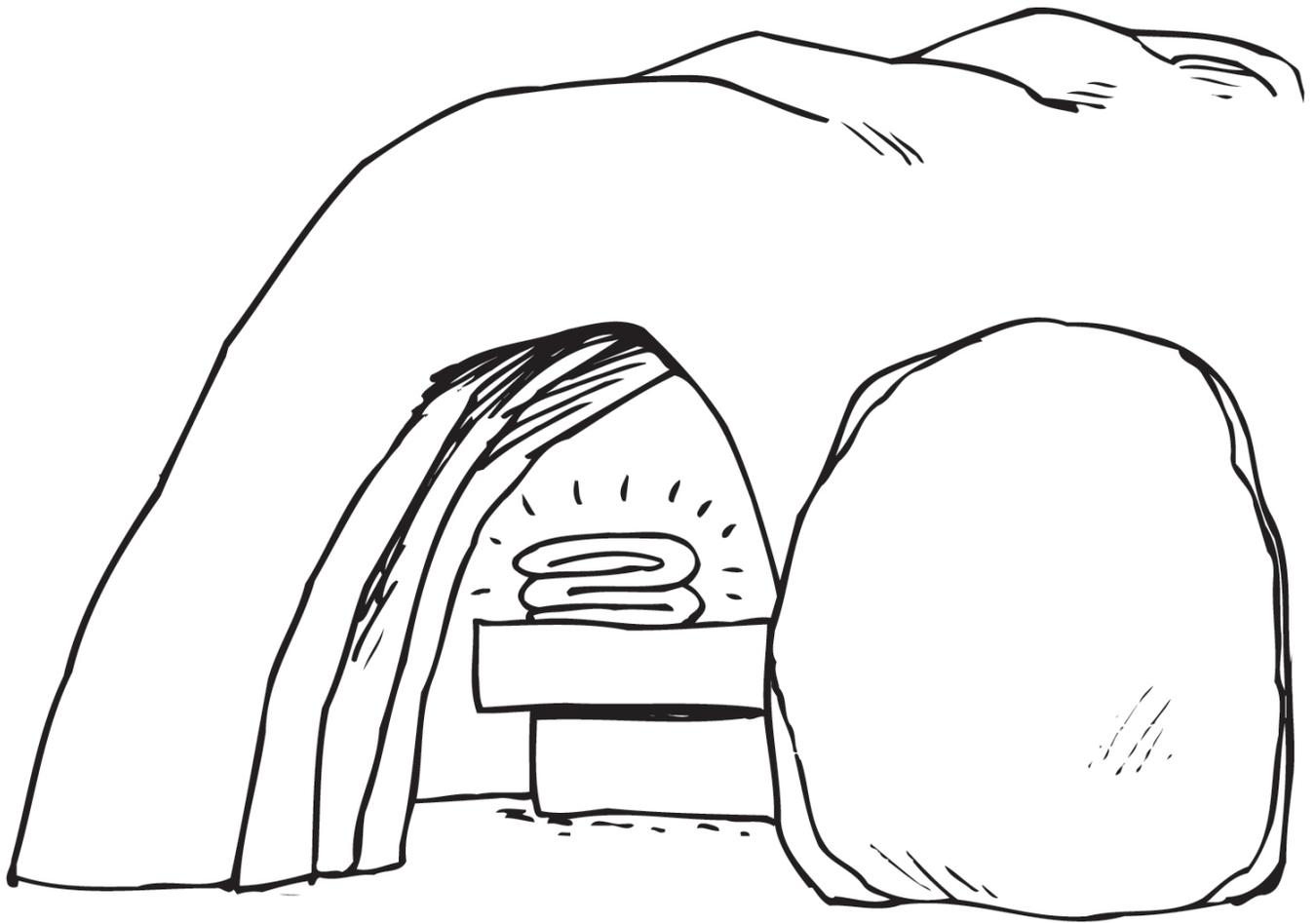


EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020



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An Easter Responsive Reading

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

When they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

An Easter Responsive Reading Prayer

The world is full of turmoil and unrest.

He is risen!

We want to help, but we don't know where to start.

Take heart, he has overcome the world!

You prayed for the unity of your church, but we are not unified.

He is risen!

We long to be a vibrant, healing community of faith.

He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it.

My heart is full of turmoil and unrest.

He is risen!

I need your power inside of me.

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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Instructions for Butterfly Craft

Supplies:

- pipe cleaners OR clothespins
- large coffee filters
- water-base markers OR watercolor paints and brushes
- small spray bottle filled with water (if using markers)

Instructions:

1. Flatten the coffee filter on a plate or newspaper
2. Using the markers or watercolor paints, decorate the coffee filter however you like
3. If using markers, hold up the coffee filter and spray with water (this will create a watercolor effect)
4. Set aside on a clean paper towel to dry
5. Once the filter is dry, bunch it in the middle and wrap a pipe cleaner around it. Make sure you leave a little extra pipe cleaner to make two antennae.
6. Fan out the butterfly wings.

Resurrection Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup pecans OR 1/2 cup pecans and 1/2 cup chocolate chips
1 tsp vinegar
pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
3 egg whites

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.
2. Place pecans in plastic bag and crush with the back of a wooden spoon.
John 19:1-3 – After Jesus was arrested, he was beaten.
3. Add vinegar, egg whites, salt and sugar into mixer.
John 19:28-30 – Jesus drank something like vinegar while on the cross.
4. Add egg whites.
John 10:10-11 – Eggs represent the eternal life Jesus gives us.
5. Add salt.
Luke 23:27 – Jesus’ followers cried (salty tears) when he was crucified.
6. Add sugar.
John 3:16 – The sweetest part of this is that Jesus did this because he loves us.
7. Beat until egg whites are very stiff, about 12-15 minutes.
Isaiah 1:8 & John 3:1-3 – White represents the purity we have in God’s eyes.
8. Fold in nuts and or chocolate chips.
Matthew 27:57-60 – Nuts/chips represent the rocky tomb where Jesus was laid.
9. Cover cookie sheet with parchment paper or a brown grocery bag
10. Place meringue by spoonful onto baking sheet
11. Place into hot oven and turn oven OFF. Keep the oven door shut and “seal” with masking tape until the morning.
Matthew 27:65-66 – The tomb was sealed with a large stone.
12. Go to bed!
John 16:20, 22 – The disciples were sad to leave Jesus in the tomb.
13. In the morning, take a bite of the cookie and find that it is hollow!
Matthew 28:1-9 – The tomb was empty! Jesus has risen!

Music Suggestions

Hymns (United Methodist Hymnal)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (302)

He Lives (310)

Because He Lives (364)

Fairest Lord Jesus (189)

This is the Day (657)

Modern

Revelation Song by Gateway Worship

Beautiful Things by Gungor

How Great is Our God by Chris Tomlin

Mighty to Save by Hillsong Worship

Praise is Befitting by Will Reagan and United Pursuit

Rescuer by Rend Collective

Forever by Kari Jobe

This is Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham

Glorious Day by Passion