



The artwork is *Christ Appears to Mary Magdalene as a Gardener*, unknown artist, c. 1500)

HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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March 31, 2024

In Ministry

Minister:

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Organ:

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Piano & Voice:

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John 20:11-18

11 Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. **12** She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. **13** The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” **14** As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.” **16** Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” **18** Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

Message:

"The Glad Surprise"

Open Worship :The Quaker, Rufus Jones, wrote that early Friends "...made the discovery that silence is one of the best preparations for communion [with God] and for the reception of inspiration and guidance." Our silence is our invitation to communion with the Living Christ, the Bread of Life. If you feel led to speak or share vocal ministry during the silence, we welcome your words.

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection #160

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"So long as you recognize that no event of your life, whatever its character, can imprison you, you will not scale down your aspirations to the level of the facts in your present situation. You will let what rides on the horizon constantly inform the event with which you are wrestling, until at last the event itself begins to open up, to yield, to break down, to disintegrate, under the relentless pressure of some force which transcends the event and tutors and informs it. This is what the Resurrection is all about."

(Howard Thurman)

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Prelude: Festive To God Be the Glory

As the music begins, we invite Friends to settle into a silence that serves to prepare us for our time of worship. Welcome the music to gather us together as a faith community at worship.

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, on this Resurrection Sunday, we open our hearts to the wonder of the season. May we be as amazed as the first disciples. May our hearts be filled with wonder. May we experience the joy of the "glad surprise". May the renewal and energy of the season bring a sense of renewal and energy to our hearts. May the aliveness of the resurrection bring aliveness to our souls. Amen."

Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today #152

Offertory: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Special Music: Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

Scripture: [John 20:11-18](#)

Special Music: God So Loved the World
