



*the open door ~ praise & worship service*  
*...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying*  
04.19.17 • 7:00 pm

## **welcome & announcements**

**song** "Because He Lives"

**song** "Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing"

## **message on the steps**

**gospel reading** Matthew 28:1-10 [VOICE]

**28** After the Sabbath, as the light of the next day, the first day of the week, crept over Palestine, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb *to keep vigil*. <sup>2</sup>Earlier there had been an earthquake. A messenger of the Lord had come down from heaven and had gone to the grave. He rolled away the stone and sat down on top of it. <sup>3</sup>He *veritably* glowed. He was vibrating with light. *His clothes were light, white like transfiguration, like fresh snow.* <sup>4</sup>The soldiers guarding the tomb were terrified. They froze like stone.

<sup>5</sup>The messenger spoke to the women, *to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary.*

**Messenger of the Lord:** Don't be afraid. I know you are here keeping watch for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus is not here. He was raised, just as He said He would be. Come over to the grave, and see for yourself. <sup>7</sup>And then go straight to His disciples, and tell them He's been raised from the dead and has gone on to Galilee. You'll find Him there. Listen carefully to what I am telling you.

<sup>8</sup>The women were both terrified and thrilled, and they quickly left the tomb and went to find the disciples and give them this *outstandingly good* news. <sup>9</sup>But while they were on their way, they saw Jesus Himself.

**Jesus** (*greeting the women*): Rejoice.

The women fell down before Him, kissing His feet and worshiping Him.

**Jesus:** <sup>10</sup>Don't be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee. Tell them I will meet them there.

## **listening for God's message**

## **silent prayer of confession**

## **presentation of the offerings**

## **holy communion**

**anthem** "He Reigns"

**song** "Celebrate, Jesus, Celebrate"

**song** "Amen"

## **benediction & passing the peace**

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