



**NEWTON  
CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
God is still speaking,

**An Open and Affirming Congregation**

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

**Virtual Worship • April 4, 2021 • 10:45am • Easter Sunday**

**Digital Bulletin**

This document is prepared so you can join our Sunday morning live-stream worship via our Facebook page ([facebook.com/NewtonUCC](https://facebook.com/NewtonUCC)) or worship on your own at a time convenient for you (visit our Facebook page or website—[uccnewton.org](http://uccnewton.org)).

Of course, there is nothing that compares to being physically present with one another in worship, and yet this is what we need to do to “love our neighbors” during the current worldwide emergency.

We apologize in advance for any problems that you may encounter in connecting to the service.

**PREPARING FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP**

As you prepare to join in online worship with us, in addition to making whatever technical preparations you need to make, consider how to prepare your personal space for worship:

- Prepare a piece of bread or a cracker and a small glass of wine or grape juice (if you do not have these items on hand, you may use any “nibble” or “sip” that is convenient for you)
- Silence your phone and eliminate distractions
- Light a candle to remind you of the presence of Christ
- Open your Bible or browser to Mark 14:20-25 and Luke 24:1-12
- Position your body in a posture of worship and prayer



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APRIL 4, 2021  
EASTER WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

PRELUDE

BEV THOMAS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JENNIFER PRYKE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

DAVID RAYMOND

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE

MARK 14:22-25

PRAYER

COMMUNION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

DRINKING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (\*Other options include "Mother," "Creator," "Parent,")

Our Father\* who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ORGAN MUSIC

CELEBRATION OF EASTER

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 24:1-12

MEDITATION

"TOGETHER BUT A PART"

BENEDICTION PRAYER (adapted from Desmond Tutu's  
"An African Prayer Book")

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As we proclaim Christ risen from the dead, so too do we proclaim;

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;

Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.

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POSTLUDE

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