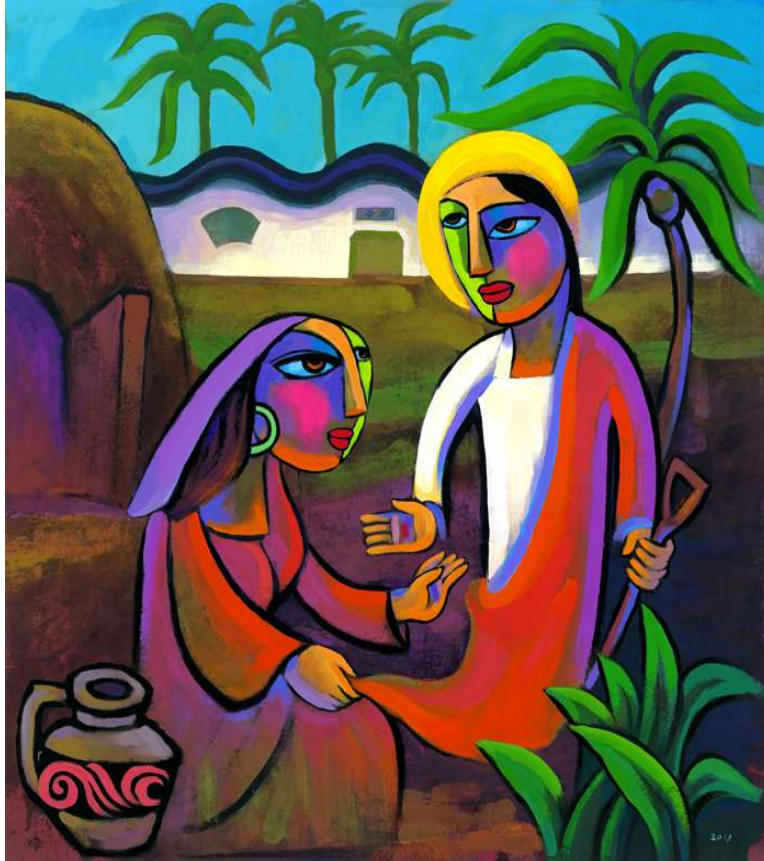


## *Resurrection Encounters*

8:45 a.m. + April 5<sup>th</sup> + Easter Sunday



*He Qi, Do Not Hold on to Me*

*Let him easter in us,  
be a dayspring to the dimness of us.  
Gerard Manley Hopkins*

### Opening With Praise

*God sent His Son, they called him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!*

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow!  
Because he lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because he lives!*

### Crossing the Threshold

*“Because He Lives”*

## Our Faith and Our Prayer

## *“He Lives” & “Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today,  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.*

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives! He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.*

## Contemplating Ourselves in the Story

**John 20:1, 11**

*Now on the first day of the week Mary the Magdalene came early when it was yet dark, into the tomb – the place of remembrance – and saw that the stone had been taken away from it.... Mary stood there at the tomb, weeping outside. As she was weeping, she stooped down into the tomb.*

## Silence for Reflection

- What images of God or Jesus have you had to leave behind to take the next step on your spiritual journey into Love? What did that loss feel like before it became a gift?

## Waiting Patiently

*“Meet Us in the Darkness”*

*Meet us in the darkness where we wait for you.  
Empty us of everything that is not true.  
Laying down what we desire, we seek the truth beyond the fire.  
So, meet us in the darkness where we wait for you.*

## The Story Continues

**John 20:12-15a**

*And Mary saw two angels in white, sitting – one at the head and one at the feet – where the body of Jesus had lain. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”*

## Silence for Reflection

- Where in your life might God be present in ways you are not yet able to see because of what you are mourning or missing?

## Song of Response

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.*

## The Story Continues

**John 20:15b-17**

*Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have borne him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means, “My Teacher”). Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”*

## Meditation

### Song of Response

*“I Surrender All”*

*All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give.  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### Clinging and Releasing

### Centering in God

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God’s abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. Christ is within you. If it helps you to center, use the heart-focused breath prayer “Beloved Lord” (inhale) “I surrender all” (exhale).

### Singing our Hope

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*When burdens press, and seem beyond endurance,  
Bowed down with grief, to Him I lift my face;  
And then in love He brings me sweet assurance:  
'My child! for thee sufficient is my grace'.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

### Holy Communion

### Our Prayer

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.*

### Being the Good Word

*John 20:18*

*Mary the Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,  
“I have beheld the Lord” – and that he had said these things to her.*



### Our Staff

*Haley Brown* – Associate Director of The Anchor House

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*Peter Johns* – Associate Director of Contemplative Worship

*Zachary Montasser* – Violinist

*Ruby Alberto* – AV Production

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*Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.* – Pastor of The Center

*Cellist* – Anastasia Sciretti

### Today’s Music

*“Because He Lives”* – Bill & Gloria Gaither, *“He Lives”* – Alfred H. Ackley, *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”* – Paul Baloche,  
*“Meet Us in the Darkness”* – Peter Johns, *“How Great Thou Art”* – Stuart K. Hine,  
*“I Surrender All”* – J Deventer and W Weeden

### **Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> | The Anchor House | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

*In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.*



### **April Guided Silent Retreat: Lost in Wonder, Children's Literature as Prayer**

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | \$35

*All literature is an invitation to walk around in someone else's shoes, to see with someone else's eye, to take an adventure you might never get to take, to think new thoughts and feel new feelings. Children's literature is no different. Using well-chosen words with pristine clarity, the best children's literature takes us beyond moralism into Mystery. For this day-long retreat, the sacred text will be children's picture books. A generous assortment of some of the best in children's literature throughout the years will be available for you to select, read, listen with your heart, reflect, rest, and respond. The cost of the retreat includes lunch, please register using the QR code here.*



### **Where Sound Meets Silence**

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> | The Anchor House | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Each week Peter and Zach guide a gentle rhythm of silence, Scripture, and improvised music for violin and piano. Within this quiet, gentle space, we reflect on the passage appointed for Sunday's worship, trusting the Spirit to speak anew through word and sound alike. We gather for about thirty minutes of prayer, stillness, and reflection. Those unable to attend in person are warmly invited to join online as the reflection is streamed live. There is no cost to attend but registration is recommended.*



### **SoulCollage: Discover Your Wisdom**

Saturday, April 18 | The Anchor House | 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Suggested Donation

*SoulCollage® invites us into balance as an inner and outer journey as voiced in the SoulCollage® tagline: "Discover your Wisdom! Change your World!" Rev. Cindy Serio leads us into the inner journey this month. Come! Discover your Wisdom! ALL are welcome, regardless of ability to make this donation.*



### **Bringing Butterflies Home: A Creation Care Event**

Sunday, April 19 | The Anchor House | 11:30 a.m.

*Do you long to feel closer to nature, but you're not sure where to start? Attracting butterflies to your yard or porch is a powerful—yet easy—entry point to healing and transforming yourself, your community, and our planet. Join us for this special opportunity to celebrate and get to know landscape designer Elizabeth Olsen, co-owner of Go Native Landscaping who will be our partners in co-creating The Anchor House Grounds later this fall. Elizabeth has also just released her new book, "Bringing Butterflies Home: Gardening with Native Plants to Heal Our Yards and Ourselves" which is full of wisdom on how we can care for creation. We hope you'll join us at this special event. Lite bites will be available as well as a chance to hear about our plans for the backyard. Please RSVP with your plans to attend to Haley at [hbrown@chapelwood.org](mailto:hbrown@chapelwood.org)*

### **New to The Center Gatherings**

Sunday, April 19 | The Anchor House | 5:30 p.m.

*If you'd like to learn more about Contemplative Worship, The Center's ongoing experiences and offerings, and ways to serve or get more plugged into the community, please join us at one of the New to The Center Gatherings. These gatherings are for anyone who might be thinking of becoming a formal member or just looking to understand more about contemplative Christian spirituality. Whether you've been visiting for a couple of weeks or a couple of months, this will be a great next step to becoming more connected to all that The Center has to offer.*

