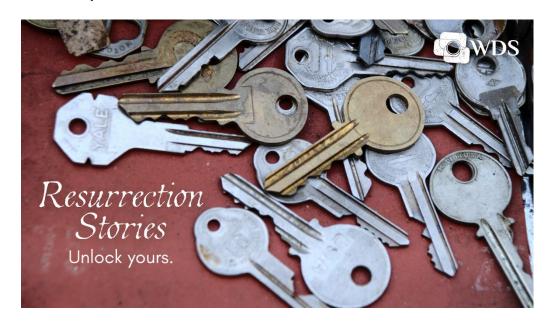
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Prelude "Awake, My Heart with Gladness; Come, Ye Faithful"

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"This Is the Day of New Beginnings" (vs. 1 & 2)

UMH 383

1. This is a day of new beginnings
Time to remember and move on
Time to believe what love is bringing
Laying to rest the pain that's gone

2. For by the life and death of Jesus God's mighty Spirit now as then Can make for us a world of difference As faith and hope are born again

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The Collective Story of Resurrection

Nancy Janson

A Dramatic Reading – based on John 20:19-23

Leader: Jesus assured them: Forgive the sins of anyone, and they are forgiven, retain the sins of any and they are retained.

All: We see in the example of Christ how to forgive others and how to release our own woundedness. We open ourselves to the freedom, release, and peace that comes through forgiveness.

We forgive ourselves and we forgive others.

Liturgist: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

All: **Thanks be to the Living Word.**

*Opening Hymn

"We Walk By Faith"

TFWS 2196

- 1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; with gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
- 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

- We may not touch his hands and side,
 Nor follow where he trod;
 Yet in his promise we rejoice,
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 4. That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are In full and endless sight.
- 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight; with gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

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The Key to Peace

Nancy Janson

In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know release. In the name of Jesus Christ, you can know release.

9 * Proclaiming Release

"Halle, Halle"

TFWS 2026

Halle, halle, halle-luya! Halle, halle, halle-luya! Halle, halle, halle-luya! Halle-luya, halle-luya!

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Children's Time New Life Happens Donna Benson

Scripture Psalm 121 Nancy Janson

Anthem "My Redeemer Lives!" Antuan Hairston

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Scripture Nehemiah 9: 9-15 Nancy Janson

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Prayer for God's People, Church, & World Lord's Prayer

Nancy Janson

Offering *Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God All creatures here below

Alleluia alleluia

Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

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*Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

- Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
 What a foretaste of glory divine
 Heir of salvation purchase of God
 Born of His Spirit washed in His blood
- 2. Perfect submission perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy whispers of love **Refrain**
- **REFRAIN**. This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior II the day long
- 3. Perfect submission all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blest Watching and waiting looking above Filled with his goodness lost in his love **Refrain**

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Benediction Rev. Patricia Abell

"I Love to Tell the Story"

The Savior of our stories has brought his peace to you; now go and tell the story, for others need it too.

To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call; proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Postlude "The Strife is O'er" Wilbur Held Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Questions for Reflection

It all happened on Sunday. It was on "the first day of the week" (John 20:19)—the same day Jesus rose from the dead (John 20:1)—when the risen Lord appeared to a group of disciples in a locked house and offered them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then, one week later (John 20:26), Jesus came again to the disciples (still shut inside the house), this time allowing Thomas to see and touch his hands and side. Think about the place where you gather for worship on Sunday. Is it open to the surprising presence of Christ and the liberating gifts of the Spirit? (If not, does the Spirit still move? Does Jesus show up anyway?) Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper? Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day. By the power of your Spirit enable me to live in your light and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of this day.

Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace
so that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. Amen.

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