

Welcome!

Easter in a “Multi” Congregation

March 17 and 18, 2015



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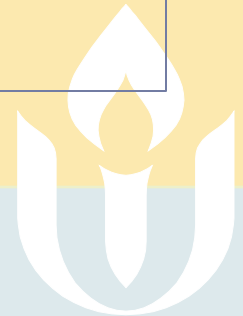
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WEBINAR PLAN

- Easter questions, hopes, and experiences
- Theological questions: What do we affirm?
- Weaving three traditions/sources: Christianity, Judaism, and Earth-based spirituality
- Activities for young ones: Rejoice!
- Activities for older children: Sacred story
- Activities for all
- PLUS: A bit of history, a bit of song, chances to share what you have done, brainstorming for this and future years



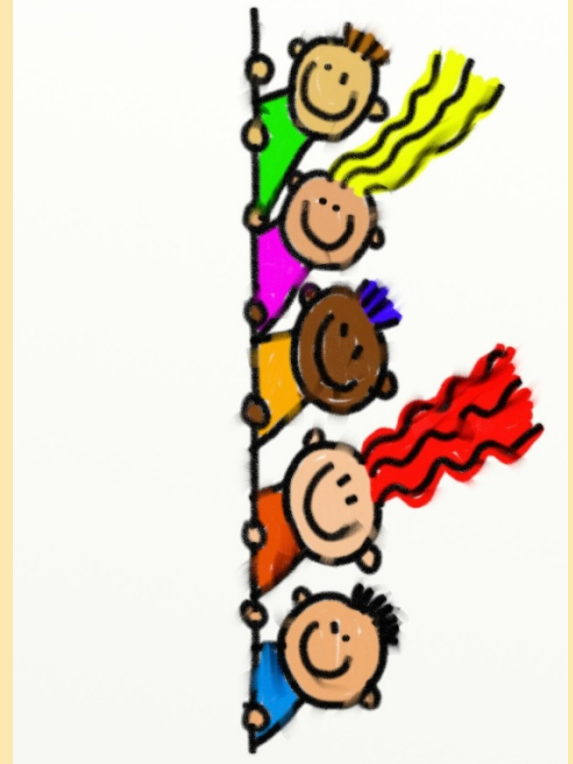


Hope Again, by Clarke Dewey Wells

Reading 624 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

A Multi Congregation

- *Multigenerational*
- *Multicultural*
- *Multiple theologies*
- *Multiple experiences of Easter, Passover, and the Spring Equinox*
- *Multiple spiritual needs centered around the three celebrations*



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What are your experiences?



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What are your
questions/challenges?
What would be helpful to you as
a religious professional?



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Theological Questions



*What to teach
children/youth
about Easter?*

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- ❖ Rejoice! be glad! Life is returning. Death does not have the last word.
- ❖ Love is stronger than empire, stronger than violence. Empire/violence doesn't have the last word. Love wins!
- ❖ New life/new beginnings are always possible. We hold hope.

Your thoughts?





O Day of Light and Gladness

Lyrics by Frederick Lucien Hosmer

O Day of light and gladness
Of prophecy and song
What thoughts within us waken
What hallowed memories throng!
The soul's horizon widens
Past, present, future blend
And rises on our vision
The life that has no end.

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Earth feels the season's joyance;
From mountain range to sea
The tides of life are flowing
Fresh manifold and free.
In valley and on upland,
By forest pathways dim
All nature sings in chorus
The resurrection hymn.

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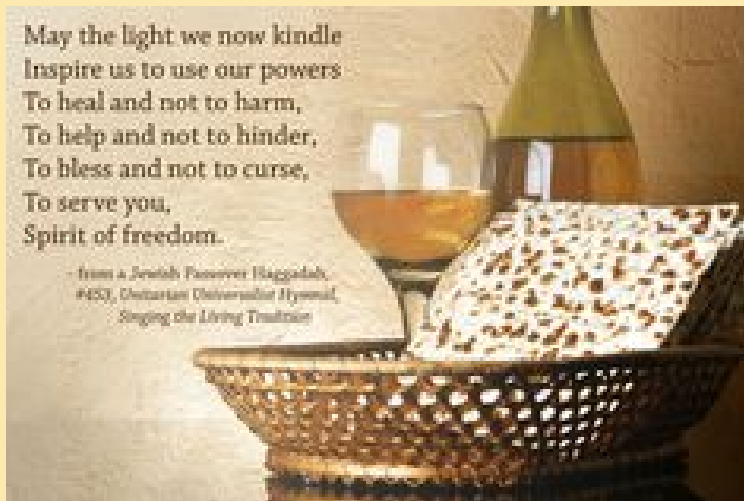




O Dawn of life eternal,
To thee our hearts upraise
The Easter song of gladness
The Passover of praise.
Thine are the many mansions,
The dead die not to thee,
Who fillest from thy fullness
Time and eternity.

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**Weaving three traditions:
What commonalities do you see?**

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For young ones: Rejoice!

**What are some of the ways to
express “Rejoice and be glad!”?**

Art, dance, music, crafts...

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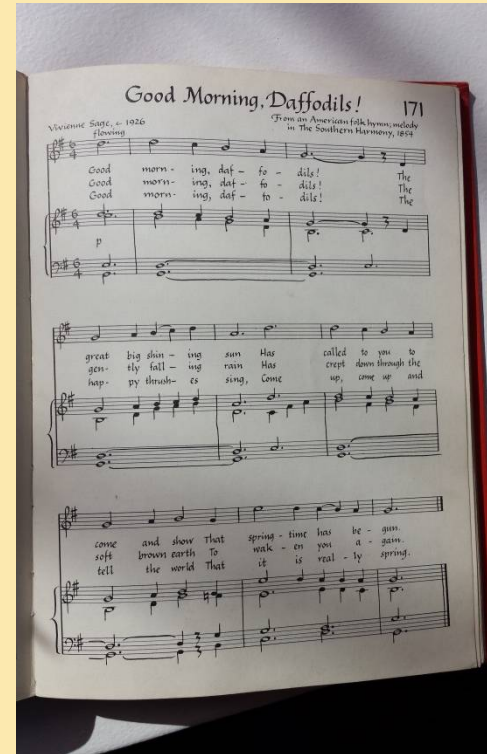
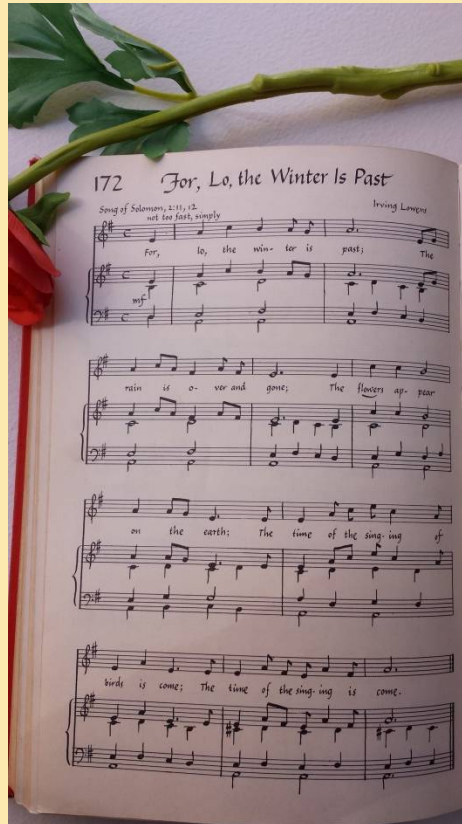
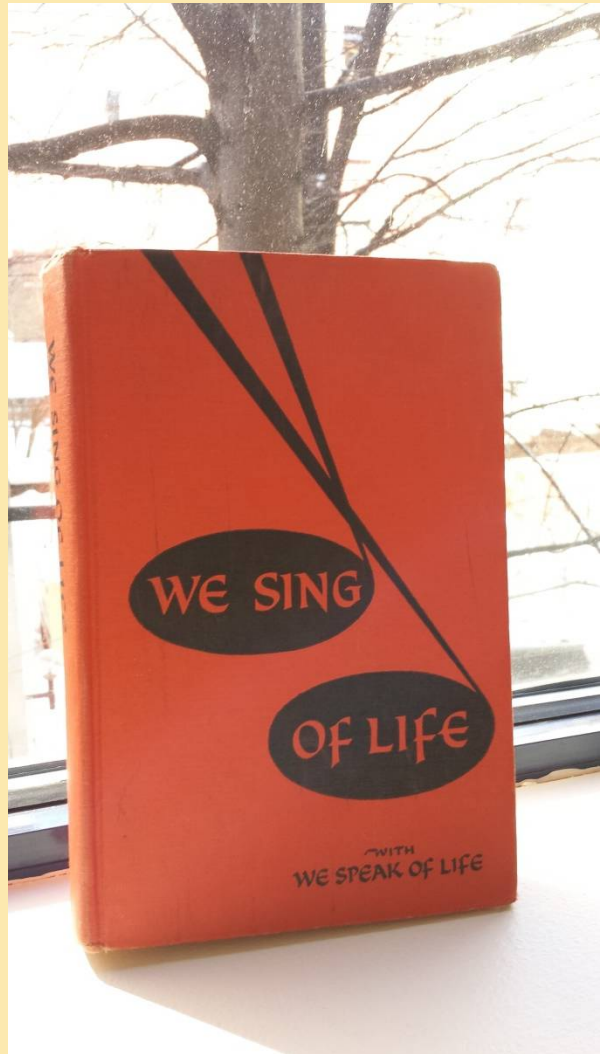
Egg Trees and Egg Decorating



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Music



Other
pieces?



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Things that show life quickly - grass,
willows, forsythia. What grows
quickly where you live?



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Pussy Willow Sunday - historical note



Christian Register

March 30, 1916

p. 304

*“Norman’s Pussy-willow
Adventure”*

<http://bit.ly/1EjQgBH>

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Older Children

Sacred Stories: Handle with Care

What spiritual wisdom are you offering?



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Easter Story

*Stories in Faith; Sophia Fahs; and,
Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-16*

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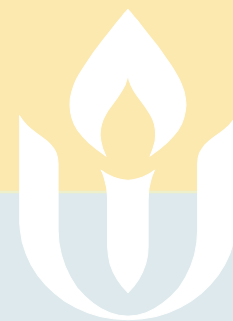


How have you shared this story?

Reading, telling, drama?

What parts have you shared?

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For Older Children: Cooking



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For All Ages: Reflection and Conversation



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All Ages: Singing together, joining for the Alleluias!

61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

1. Lo, the earth a-wakes a-gain —
2. Once a-gain the word comes true, Al
3. Change, then, mourn-ing in - to praise,

lu - ia! from the win - ter's bond and pain,
All the earth shall be made new,
And, for dirg - es, an - thems raise.

Al - le - lu - ia! Bring we leaf and
Now the dark, cold
How our spir - its

flower and spray —
days are o'er, Al - le - lu - ia! to a - dorn this
soar and sing, Spring and glad - ness
How our hearts leap

Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892, arr.
Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708, version
Psalmist, 1749

68 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al
Hearts are strong, and voic - es sing,
Soar we now where Christ has led,

Earth and heaven in cho - rus
Fought the fight, the bat - tle say,
Where, O death, is now thy won,
Liv - ing out the words he sting!

le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and
Death in vain fir -
As he died his
Made like him, like

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Lyra Davidica, 1708

EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7. with Alleluia

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Questions Reflections Ideas to Share

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Rolling Away the Stone, by Sara Moores Campbell

Reading 628 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

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Preparing for Sophia Fahs Sunday, with Mark Hicks and Halcyon Westall

Tues. May 19, 1 pm*; Wed. May 20, 9 pm*

Competencies for Those Who Advise UU Youth, with Jennica Davis-Hockett

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