Welcome!
Easter in a “Multi” Congregation
March 17 and 18, 2015
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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
What are your experiences?
What are your questions/challenges? What would be helpful to you as a religious professional?
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.
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.
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.
Weaving three traditions:
What commonalities do you see?
For young ones: Rejoice!

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

Art, dance, music, crafts...
Egg Trees and Egg Decorating
Music

Other pieces?

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

*Stories in Faith*; Sophia Fahs; and, Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-16
How have you shared this story?
Reading, telling, drama?
What parts have you shared?
For Older Children: Cooking
For All Ages: Reflection and Conversation
All Ages: Singing together, joining for the Alleluias!

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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
FDO upcoming webinars

Tues. April 14, 1 pm; Wed. April 15, 9 pm
Preventing 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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