

Easter Monday - April 18, 2022

**He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.  
(UMH #177)**

Did you sing that hymn with me just now?  
What a wonderful day it is, Easter Monday, when we can again proclaim:  
Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! And, He is Lord!

As the celebration continues today, let us ponder [1 Peter 1:3-5](#) from *The Message*:  
*<sup>3-5</sup> What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.*

Read over it a few times if you would like. What conclusions do you draw? Where are you being led?

I have found that the good news of the resurrection is way too good to keep to myself. These words from 1 Peter 1 are way too important to not share with others. It is time to embark on a new journey – a journey of connecting and building. I'm sure you've heard it before: make connections, build bridges, and partnerships.

My four-year-old son has certainly heard this message many times before – “you need to share.” Share your snack. Share your toys. Share with your friends. Share with your sister and cousins. Share.

What does your personal ministry look like as you work to share the love and light of Christ with others?

It's time to take the next step. My prayer is that we all take that step together. Wow! Can you imagine the powerful impact that would make on our world? If we all took just one step toward sharing Christ with others as we make connections and build bridges. Can you envision how wonderful that would be?

The hope and peace of Jesus is for all. Every knee and every tongue. Everyone.

**Prayer:** *Gracious and Loving God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Thank you for Easter and resurrection. Guide us and lead us all, as we take a step on the journey of sharing your love, grace, mercy, hope, and peace to all we encounter. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

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