

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

EASTER - Called to Deep Living

April 4th, 2021

*With Easter coming in the spring time, we associate it with the cycle of nature where the death of winter is overcome by the life of growing things. But Easter is not part of a cycle at all - it is an earthquake, as Matthew tells us - a new beginning where more life than we can possibly imagine has become possible.* - Abbot Andrew, St Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI

## GATHERING

**Call to Worship**

**Centering music** *Now I walk in beauty*

## LAMENTS AND ALLELUIAS

**Living with our laments...**

**The Poet's Word** *As we move deeper*

Mark Nepo - from *The Exquisite Risk*

**Music interlude** *Now I walk in beauty*

**Reading**

**Reclaiming our Alleluias...**

**Song** *Alleluia* by Elaine Hagenburg

**Prayer** from St. Augustine

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**Scripture** John 20:1-18 *The Inclusive Bible*

**Hymn** *Low in the Grave He Lay* **VT 333**

**The Poet's Word** *Primary Wonder* by Denise Levertov

**Hymn** *Lift Your Glad Voices* **VT 340**

**A Telling of Easter For All God's Children**

## SHARING EASTER COMMUNION

**A Chocolate Egg and Coffee Communion**

**Prayer** for communion

**The Poet's Word** *Christ Has No Body* Teresa of Avila

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Offering**

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *How Can I Keep From Singing*

**Benediction**



Lassie Colebourn, *My Faith*

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