

NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP

Sermon Series

Prelude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Welcome

Call To Worship

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Easter is not an event that has occurred, it's an adventure that has begun not a place that we have visited but a path on which we stand, a story not complete but unfolding with the promise of new life not just for you and me but for all people, in all places.

Easter is the season of wild hope of dangerous intent of potent promise where rainbow hues splash empty canvas.

Today we continue the journey we re-enter the story to explore our questions to uncover our doubts to face our nagging need We walk the path of two who traveled a dusty road wrapped in confusion and despair two who shared the company of a stranger voicing their pain airing their fears and in the listening, heard words of hope and promise.

So, let us re-enter the story with expectation that Christ will also reveal himself to us in sights and sounds in words and symbols in bread and wine.

Let us worship our Holy God.

Hymn of Praise

Easter Alleluia

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*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God's praises now sing,
All of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun,
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
Shine in the faces of all of us here,
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
Wanting to see you in all that we do,
We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way,
You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword,
Fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Frederico Pereira

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden because of our fears, doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, but we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. Help us keep our hearts open to you on this resurrection journey of faith. Give us courage to follow him when our ways seem unsure, for we trust that you are always with us and will never give up on us. This we pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Hymn of Grace

I Need Thee Every Hour

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*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

*I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*