## April message from The Rev. Dr. Cindy McClung

Dear Friends,

Easter is upon us! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We shout out on Easter morning of the miracle of Christ risen from the dead. God is more powerful than sin and death. Christ is victorious! We celebrate as Christians our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose love is more than we can fathom.

We are Easter People! What does that mean? Easter is a way of living - a certain perspective and a life toward God's grand plans of justice and joy. (Brian Blount)

What does it look like to live all of our lives in response to Easter? What if we really lived with a sense of confidence that "nothing . . . not heights or depths, not principalities or powers, . . . nothing can separate us from God's love?"

As Easter people we embrace the power of God to share God's love with the world. We proclaim that Good Friday is not the end. We proclaim that we are and all of God's children are deeply loved and part of the family.

What does it mean for us as a congregation to be Easter people? We are called by Christ to love and serve. We are called to serve with passion and with energy. The Holy Spirit works through us to speak to the world around us. We celebrate our gifts/talents that we have been given in order to make an impact in God's earthly kingdom. How are you living out your Easter? Let's talk about it and work on our purpose as Easter people. Happy Easter!

Blessings,

Cindy

