



## HOUSE CHURCH

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

THEME: What Does It Mean?

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- If you haven't read it yet, [Click here](#) for the guide of "How to do House Church." Content, updates, and archives will be uploaded weekly at [www.tumcdan.org](http://www.tumcdan.org)

- **WORSHIP** 10-15 minutes

(Use all of these elements for worship or choose the parts that work best for you)

- **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Christ the Lord is risen!

**Response:** He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

**Leader:** Awake, oh sleeper, and rise from the dead

**Response:** And Christ will shine on you

- **Music:**

View these songs on YouTube and sing along with the lyrics. If someone in your family or group is musical, they can also lead the songs without videos

**"In Christ Alone"**

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

**"Living Hope"**

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

- **Psalm 103 Reading:**

(This is a good alternative if you cannot do the musical option. Read together or alternate each verse, Leader and Response. Speak these words of worship with joy and passion!)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup> **he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;  
<sup>14</sup> **for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.**  
<sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup> **the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.**  
<sup>17</sup> But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—  
<sup>18</sup> **with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.**  
<sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.  
<sup>20</sup> **Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.**  
<sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.  
<sup>22</sup> **Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.**  
**Amen.**

- **KIDS** 30-40 minutes

(If there are children in your House Church, you can add in these songs and participate in the ActivateKidz Video message from Miss Emily. You can also do the ActivateKidz lesson anytime!)

- **Songs:**

“**Lord I Lift Your Name on High**” [Click here for Video](#)

“**Alive**” [Click here for Video](#)

- **ActivateKidz Video Lesson:**

[Click here](#) for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week's lesson! This weekend is a special surprise with the “Egg-cellent” Easter Party!

- **SCRIPTURE** 5 minutes

(Have one person read out loud or choose a different reader for each passage)

- **Luke 24:1-12** (New International Version)

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

- **MESSAGE** 20 minutes

- [Click here](#) to view the video of Pastor David's message for this week
- [Click here](#) to view written notes from the message if you cannot play a video

- **DISCUSSION** 15-20 minutes

(Use these questions to connect with your group, reflect, and apply this week's message to life. You don't have to get through every question, just choose the ones that connect with your group.)

- How are you? How was your Holy Week? Did you have any special experiences to share through the 24-Hour Prayer, the Prayer Services, the Community Porch Worship service, or something else?
- What about today's message inspired or resonated with you? What challenged or confused you?
- What struggles in your life or in the world right now are causing you to ask, "What does this mean? Why is this happening?" How are you processing it?
- What does the Resurrection mean for you? What does it mean for our current situation?
- How does the Resurrection affect the way we might live and respond in these times?

- **PRAYER** 10-15 minutes

- Spend time sharing your prayer requests (personal petitions, intercession for the community and the world). It can be helpful to write these down and share them with the group to pray throughout the week.
- Use the "P.R.A.Y." model to pray together. One leader can facilitate this prayer time by talking through each portion and giving the group space to pray. We encourage your group to pray out loud together for the various requests during the "Ask" portion, but it's also ok to let this be a time of silent prayer where each member can petition and intercede in their own heart.

**Pause** – Be still, rest in silence, focus yourself on God's presence – in your heart you can say a simple phrase like, "My God and my all"

**Rejoice** – Lift up your praises for God's presence and God's blessings

**Ask** – Pray for the various requests mentioned as a group

**Yield** (or "Yes" for kids) – Surrender to God's power and God's will, yield to God's presence, contemplate his glory – close prayer by rereading Eph. 3:16-19 above

- **Close with the Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

- **GIVING** 3 minutes

(We are so grateful for the generosity of God's people supporting His work! We understand that it is not feasible for everyone at this time; whatever your circumstance, rest in the fact that God loves you and will lead you!)

- **Electronic Giving**

[Click here](#) for secure, easy electronic giving or use your smartphone to text "tumcdan" to 77977  
You can also mail your offering to: Trinity UMC, 84 Lombard Avenue, Danville, PA 17821

- **Lent Giving Challenge**

This is the last Sunday for the Lent Giving Challenge towards the building fund: \$128

- **Love in Action Fund**

Our Love in Action Fund exists to support members of our community, our childcare, and our congregation with practical support as a demonstration of the love of God.

- **Offering Prayer**

*Lord, as you have given yourself so freely to us, we give ourselves to you. May our lives be a living sacrifice. We give for the sake of your Church and for the sake of the world which you so love. Receive our simple gifts of time, talents, and treasures in the name of Jesus, for your glory. We ask you to multiply these gifts for the advance of your Kingdom, for the Awakening of our community, and for the restoration of our world. Amen.*

- **NEXT STEPS** 5 minutes

- **Take time to reflect on Holy Week. What did you experience this year, what did God impress upon your heart and mind?**

- **Get ready for next week, exciting things coming!**

- We're beginning a new series "In Lockdown: 8 weeks in Philipppians". Check out the info on this program on all our platforms—there's a simply daily reading & study to immerse ourselves in the Word and a new initiative for "Discipleship Bands" we will develop in the days to come.

- **SHARE!**

- **Keep sharing pictures and testimonies of your House Church** with us—we love seeing your stories and sharing them with the Church! Share on Facebook or email [Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net](mailto:Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net)

- We want to start sharing more testimonies from our Church Family during this time: What was **Easter** like for you & your family? Did you have any special experiences during the **Good Friday 24-Hour Prayer Vigil** or **Prayer Service**? How about the **ActivateKidz Party** or the "**Worldwide Easter Service on the Porch**"? Send us your pictures and stories, it encourages the whole Body!