

## **Easter Greetings 2018**

Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid. (Mark 16:7,8)

**As I prepare to write my Easter greetings this year, Mark's gospel hits me with something that we all experience in our lives... but what most of us try to avoid falling victim to... Fear. The women were afraid. Afraid of what is the big question? They went to anoint Jesus body; it is not there. A man in white is there, we don't know who he is, an angel perhaps. "Go", he says to Galilee, Jesus will be there ahead of you. Maybe their fear comes from the fact that if this man is correct and Jesus is there, alive somehow, arriving ahead of them, then their life and the life of their world is really going to be different. They were bringing burial ointment and spices when in reality they should be bringing food and wine for celebration. Life was going to deal a major transformation for them, and the people of Palestine.**

**Easter comes to remind us, once again, that transformation is possible! Transformation is not only possible, but it is necessary in our lives. Transformation means change, and we know change is never easy. Change is difficult, causing us headaches, heartache, doubt, worry and sleepless nights. The journey to healing and wholeness and transformation is never easy. If we claim our truth, come out of denial and surrender our very lives and messy circumstances to God, we can experience change and our hope for new, abundant life and be transformed. That is the story of Easter.**

**The churches of Trinity Hastings and Roseneath United encourage you to be part of exciting Easter news within our midst. Our hope is that you will be willing to be part of a worshipping faith community.**

**As you journey into the season of Easter, may the spirit of the living Christ, be renewed in your spirit. May the promise of new birth be born and reborn in you. And may the Holy Spirit infuse your heart and soul with the love of God forever.**

**Easter Blessings,**



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### **Worship & Church Activities**

<b>Sunday March 25</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship &amp; Communion Hastings 9:15</b>	<b>Roseneath 11:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday March 29</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Table Gathering &amp; Communion</b>	<b>Roseneath 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday March 30</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship &amp; Communion</b>	<b>Hastings 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday April 1</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Services</b>	<b>Hastings 9:15 Roseneath 11:00 am</b>