Sunday

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A Daily Reality

1. 1 Peter 1:3-9

Although you have not seen [Jesus Christ], you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

— 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NRSV)

There’s no doubt about it — I enjoy rock concerts! They can relieve stress as they allow us to lose some inhibitions. For a few hours we can sing loudly, dance in the aisles, and generally have a good time with the music we love. Live concerts are once-in-a-lifetime events, moments in time that will never be repeated. They are unique. The music and the event itself often remain in our memories for weeks.

Is the season of Easter a bit like a rock concert in your life? Do we sing loudly and uninhibitedly dance with joy at the amazing gift that God, through Christ Jesus, offers each of us? Is it our favorite season? How long do we remember Easter once we move into the next period of calendar time?

Every Sunday is meant to be a mini-Easter for each of us. We intentionally try to recreate the same joy and thankfulness during Sunday worship each week so we can carry this event into every day. Our joy can be a witness to the life Christ offers all of us — and that we are meant to offer others. That way Easter can be a daily reality, not just a memory.

Loving God, thank you for salvation through Christ’s sacrifice and resurrection. Teach us to live in joy each day as we remember the reality of Easter. Amen.

Celebrate the joy of Christ’s resurrection each and every day!

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1. Those who serve in Sunday worship