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***For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. Romans 14:9***

**Easter, 2026**

**Dear Friends,**

**How best to cheer folks up? If you look at the TV there's a war in the Middle East. If you take a drive the price of gas is shooting up, so you might not drive too far. If you look outside there's still two feet of snow! Easter is the antidote.**

**Some question how we can believe in a loving, all-powerful God when there is so much suffering and evil in the world. Easter speaks to this most powerfully. The sufferings and crucifixion of Jesus reveal a God of love who fully enters into the human struggle. He is not at all uncaring or aloof, but is walking with us 'through the valley of the shadow of death'. Ps. 23 That's our amazing Good Shepherd. In addition, although this just God tells us that 'the wages of sin is death', and we are all under that sentence, Jesus himself 'bore ours sins in his own body on the tree'. 1 Pt 2:24**

**We cannot see beyond the grave, but God can. When Jesus rose from the dead on that first day of the week he revealed his power over death itself. This is why he has the audacity to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live." John 11:25 In truth, lovely as life often is for us in this world, we are wanderers and strangers in a foreign land. We are heading for our true home, 'a city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God'. Heb. 11:9,10**

**We will lift our hearts in worship of our amazing God and gather to share the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope you will join us!**

**In Christ's love, Harry**