



**The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Black Liberation  
Theology Easter  
March 31, 2024**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering 'Awake, Arise' (Kendrick) People's Singers  
Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Words of Welcome Matthew Morris McCormick  
Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Stewardship Update Tom Hackley  
Introit 'Jazz Alleluia' (#1050)  
Chalice Lighting Matthew Morris McCormick  
*If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the  
chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'*  
Words: 'An Eye for Miracles' by Diego Valeri

**Affirming our Connections**

Story for All 'The Easter Egg We Need' by Ann S. Howard  
Children and Teacher Recessional 'Go Forth' (Ramsey/Drake)  
*Go forth in peace, in search of wisdom,  
With love to guide you on your way  
And may the joy of life surround you  
Wherever you may go.*

Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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Offertory People's Ringers  
'All Creatures of the Earth and Sky' ('All Creatures of Our God and King')

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us SSC person  
*From the countless gifts we each have been given,  
gifts of life and love and sustenance,  
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love  
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

Joys and Sorrows Rev. Rachel Lonberg

**Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration**

Silent Meditation  
Spoken Meditation  
Musical Meditation 'Gathered Here' (#389)  
Readings Mark 14:55-65, 15:1-5, 16-20, 25-34, 37, NRSV  
From *The Crisis*, June 1915  
'If We Must Die' by Claude McKay  
Music 'Strange Fruit' (video)  
Sermon Rev. Rachel Lonberg

**Returning to the World**

Closing song 'Lo, the Earth Awakes Again' (#61)/  
'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today' (#268)  
Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Postlude

'Awake, Arise' by Eva Kendrick

Under snow, the earth is renewing  
After frost, the seeds are blooming  
Over time and beyond doubt,  
All is new again.

After loss, our souls are grieving  
Under scars, our lives are healing  
Over time and beyond doubt,  
All is new again.

**chorus**

Listen and you'll hear the call, rising over all  
Awake! (arise!) awake (arise) again  
Renew! (revive!) renew (revive) again  
Return, return again  
Always changing, always saying all is new again.

Under ice the river still flows  
Through the Winter saplings still grow  
Over time and beyond doubt,  
All is new again.

In the dark the sun will rise  
Through our trials love will thrive  
Over time and beyond doubt,  
All is new again.

**chorus**

Robins, sparrows herald the spring  
Bringing joy to everything  
Over time and beyond doubt,  
All is new again.

**chorus**

Always changing, always saying all is new again.