



March 6, 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

It is with a happy heart that I write this letter in anticipation of our first Easter Sunday together as the Richland Center United Methodist Church.

It has been quite a journey, but with God's help, we have made great progress in coming together and embracing both our shared traditions and history, as well as our growing hopes for a vibrant future in faith, fellowship and service. Easter is always a special time for Christians, but this year, with all that we've accomplished, it seems even sweeter.

As we look forward to where God is leading us, it is good to be reminded that even in the midst of all the changes, much of what our church stands for and represents in our community remains as it has always been. We continue to gather as a loving community of faith, responding to God's call. We welcome all people as members of our extended family. We gather to support and nourish one another in the faith, equipping people to live the Gospel in the world. Our purpose is to encounter the Gospel not only in our Sunday worship, but every day and in everything we do. We continue to offer worship that honors our beloved traditions as well as being thought provoking, open-hearted, and relevant to the world we live in right now.

And perhaps most of all, we continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, reaching out in compassion as we actively seek to be a voice for justice and source of support for those on the margins of society. We identify and serve our neighbors in need, which is why our ***Mission Offering for Easter will go to help support A Child's Place***, the transitional shelter for homeless families with children here in our community.

As always, we thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support the people, mission and ministry of our church, and for being a steadfast member of our community of faith.

May the miracle of the Risen Christ continue to bless your home and light our way!!

*Pastor Rachel*

*P.S. Please consider joining us for Easter Worship at 9:30 on March 31st and then mark your calendar as, starting on Sunday, April 7th, our worship time is changing to 10:00.*