

## CHURCH AT HOME: Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

### Hello Orchard Hill Church family!

Today is Resurrection Sunday! There is no better day for believers than this one. We not only have the joy of worshipping a God who is alive and well, and working on behalf of His people, we have the hope of the resurrection, *our* resurrection. The peace of knowing that when our life here on earth comes to an end, we will live forever with our Risen King Jesus! Whether you are alone or gathering with your family we want to encourage you to worship with all your heart as you invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to come, to move, and to change you from the inside out. Easter might look different this year than in years past, but we worship the one who is the same yesterday, today, and forever! So, let's get ready to worship!

Below we have put together a suggestion for making the most out of this new worship experience:

### 9:30 AM – Eat: Have breakfast around the table together!

- ❖ While eating breakfast, discuss/consider the importance of worshipping God. Whether it is in a large group or by yourself, in a house or in a church, worship is important to God.
- ❖ Perhaps invite someone you know who is alone and you feel safe with to join you!

**1) Ask:** *Why do we celebrate Easter?* Let everyone respond.

**2) Read:** John 11:25-27

There are lots of reasons we celebrate Easter and it's not so we can collect eggs in our Easter baskets. In one sentence, we celebrate Easter to worship Jesus who sacrificially gave up every right that was His so that we could spend eternity with God. It's a simple answer but it's true. Today we praise God for the greatest gift we could ever receive-our salvation. It's time to worship the Risen King! .

**9:50 AM – Gather: Circle up in the area where you are going to watch the live stream service on the “Orchard Hill Church” Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ohcgr/>)**

**10:45 AM – Reflect: Talk together about what was presented in the message.**

How easy is it for you to grasp the truth that Jesus rose from the dead? Has this ever been a stumbling block for you? The Resurrection of Jesus was central to the early church's witness and message, how central do you feel it is to our church today? Why should we keep the resurrection as our central message? In what ways has the risen Savior raised a part of you to life?

**11:00 AM – Make plans: How can/will we serve God this week? With who?**

**11:05 AM – Pray Together: Use the ACTS acronym (Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication)**

This acronym helps us to praise God, confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness, thank God for the blessings He gives us, and ask Him for what we desire and need. Pray your way through the acronym and encourage everyone present to contribute to each section.

**3) Sunday Afternoon: Seize the Day!**

Read, watch or listen to something that encourages you in your faith!