

**Sunday April 4, 2021 – Easter Hill United Methodist Church**

**Bible Study – Mark 16:1-8  
“Terror and Amazement”**

Open with a word of prayer

**Gathering Time** (5-10 minutes) In pairs, tell a story of when you felt awe or experienced something so awe-inspiring that words could not do it justice.

**Read Mark 16:1-8**

What touches your heart, what do you hear in the scripture, what questions do you have, or what doesn't make sense to you in the story?

Write down your thoughts or share your thoughts with the person or group you are with.

**Read Mark 16:1-8 again.**

**Some reflection questions – Write down your thoughts or share your thoughts with the person or group you are with.**

- What was the intent of the women who came to Jesus' tomb?
- Re-read the story as if you were one of these women. What do you notice? What do you feel? Would you be more relieved or more terrified by the sight and words of the young man? (vv. 5-7)
- What is their new mission? (v. 7)
- How is this the mission of all disciples?
- What keeps you from sharing the good news?

**Closing Reflection Question**

How is this scripture calling you to change, to see, to be or what might it be calling you to do?

**Prayer** (10 minutes). Each person prays sharing their answer the following statements:

I ask God for....

I thank God for.....

**Sending Forth** (2 minutes). After all, have shared, pray the closing prayer. Ask for a volunteer to lead the group or read the following prayer in unison:

God of Resurrection, the extent and depths of your steadfast love continue to amaze us. This Easter, give us a renewed sense of your grace that continues to grow us as individuals and as the community of faith in love of God and neighbor. Give us a reinvigorated passion to “Go, and tell!” **Amen.**

And now we pray The Lord’s Prayer....

Our Father who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.