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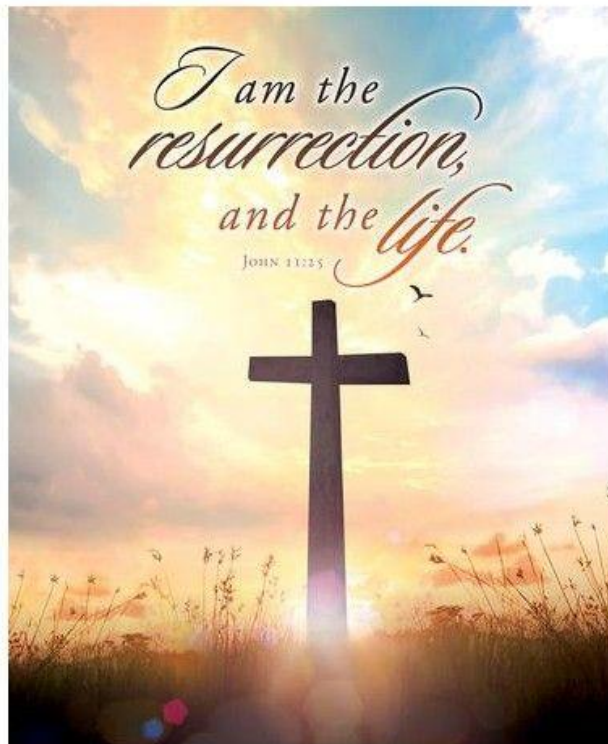
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## Our Breakthrough Prayer has been Written

A **Breakthrough Prayer** is an intentional congregational prayer practice. The purpose of this prayer is to ask God for guidance for our next steps, including new possibilities for the congregation. Your Leadership Circle has met and has written this congregation-wide prayer, asking God to break through and do only that which God can do. This prayer will be prayed whenever the church gathers for worship, fellowship, meetings, etc. Here is our prayer:

Dear God, you have put us at these crossroads for a purpose. Help us to keep our lights shining amid the challenges we face so that we may help others find their way. -Amen



## In Person and Online

Join us for **in person worship** each **Sunday at 11:00 AM!**

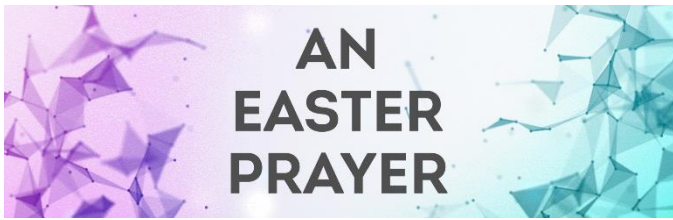
The services are also being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. You will find this at:

[www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth](https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth).

## “Thank You” Go to So Many

We would like to thank Joyce, Shaun, and the Lenten Choir for bringing special music to our worship services. It is a joy to hear the variety of music fill our sanctuary each Sunday.

Also, thanks go out to the people who dedicated the Easter flowers that adorned the altar. Just in case you were wondering, there were 45!



As we reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus, let's take some time to praise Him and ask for even more of His Presence in our lives! Here's a simple Easter prayer you can reflect on:

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for the gift of eternal salvation that we get to celebrate on Easter morning. Your love is so great! Come close to me and renew my mind to let go of everything I've held on to that hinders me and entangles me. I ask you to draw near to me as I draw near to you and purify my heart. Thank you for being the example of mercy when you ministered to and saved a thief while you suffered your own death. Your love covers a multitude of sins! I repent of my sins and ask you to cover me with your love and help me love others deeply. Help me to forgive those who have offended me and give me the courage to bless my enemies.*

*Thank you for the anchoring of peace the Cross gives us. When difficult times find me, help me keep my eyes on you. Help me calm and quiet my soul so I can find full contentment in You alone. Thank you for the promise of joy and the restoration to the Father through the work of the Cross. Let me remember to take active steps in rejoicing together in fellowship with family and friends. May we never forget the good works You have done in our lives.*

*I praise you that you are the gift of HOPE. Nothing can separate me from your love for not even death could do it. I love you, Jesus! Amen!*

Dayspring Daily Devotions, April 17, 2019

# April EVENTS

- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, April 2 – 7:00 PM
- **Communion Sunday** – April 7 – 11:00 AM
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, April 10 – 6:00 PM
- **Leadership Circle** – Tuesday, April 16 – 7:00 PM
- **United Women in Faith General Meeting** – Wednesday, April 17 – 7:00 PM
- **We Praise Sunday** – April 21 – 11:00 AM

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The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** has made the following agenda for the year:

Crossroads UWF Programs for 2024

- April 17 – 7:00 PM – “Faith Practices” – Call to Prayer and Self Denial
- June 19 – 6:00 PM – “Climate Justice” – Hospitality Picnic
- September 18 – 6:00 PM – “Creating With and For One Another” – World Thank
- November 20 – 7:00 PM – “Food Access and Food Justice”

Fund Raisers for the Year & Responsibility:

- Easter Flowers – Circle of Friends
- Mother’s Day Bulletin – Circle of Grace
- Father’s Day Bulletin – Circle of Friends
- Plantation Nuts – Circle of Grace & All
- Christmas Flowers – Circle of Friends

As you can see above, they are going back to the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day bulletins. The deadline for Mother’s Day will be soon.

The Circle of Friends and the Circle of Grace would love to have new friends join them. The CoF meets at 7:00 PM every other month on the first Tuesday, with its next meeting on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The CoG meets at 6:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. See Susan Cohen or Nancy Clark for more information.

**Upcoming:  
May 12  
Ascension Sunday**

