



## **Easter People**

Grace and peace to you, Dear Friends, as you celebrate the Season of Easter. I know how it goes. Often, we celebrate for one day maybe for two. Then we go back to our normal hectic lives. You work and raise your family and so one day runs into another, as you meet yourself coming back. You deal with an empty nest. Maybe you are getting ready to retire and you find yourself caring for those who once cared for you. Maybe you have entered retirement and you find yourself caring for grandchildren and balancing all that life asks of you. Maybe you have found yourself slowing down. You can't do all the things you once did and you desperately miss your children and grandchildren, who just do not have the time to visit as often as you or they would like. No matter what stage of life you are in, normal life calls. We cannot stay in celebration mode all 40 days of Easter. It simply does not work, but friends, due to our Christian Faith, we can always state emphatically that we are Easter People.

Easter people know the miracles of Jesus. We understand that when Jesus died to take away the sins of the world and rose again, he conquered death. Because of that one miracle, we are always people of light and life, expecting the miracles of Christ in everyday life. We are Easter people and Easter people know resurrection stories when we see them. Easter people know to expect the best of God and his work.

My prayer for you each day and especially this Easter is that you can see the miracles of the Resurrection each day and that you can remember each day even when it is not Easter that we are Easter people. Life will not always be easy, but God is always there for us even in the darkest of times. Eventually the resurrection will shine through even if it does not come in the way that you expect.

I can remember emailing my parents during the days after September 11, 2001. I insisted that we are Easter people and somehow somehow God would help our country come out of this stronger than we were before.

I do not know all the struggles coming in your life, but in the midst of them, remember that you are an Easter person and that God will bring light and life and a little Easter to your life, as you rejoice in Him, even in the hardest of struggles. My prayers go with you all today and always!

Happy Resurrection!  
Pastor Michelle

