



April 8, 2020

Dearest Fairfield Grace Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Two disciples are traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus. A third person joins them, but their eyes do not recognize Him (Lk. 24:14-16). They were not the only ones who did not recognize the resurrected Christ. Mary Magdalene saw Him, but thought it was a gardener (Jn. 20:14-15). Eleven disciples saw Him among them and heard Him saying, "Peace be with you," but they thought it was a ghost (Lk. 24:36-37). Again the eleven Apostles saw Him early in the morning on the beach, but didn't recognize that He was Jesus (Jn. 21:4).

Will you recognize the resurrected Jesus when you see Him? We will not be able to recognize Him if we will look for Him in such a manner or in such places where we believe He should be. The first disciples did not recognize Him, because He appeared to them in the most ordinary moments in life. Perhaps it would have been easier for them to recognize and believe if He had appeared to them in the midst of thunder and lightning or surrounded by a choir of angels. However, He did not appear to them in that manner. He will not appear to us in that manner, either. He will appear only in the usual non-dramatic moments of everyday life. He is everywhere: in our churches, in our homes, in our places of work, in our schools, in our hospitals, in our food markets, in our streets - everywhere where we are. Indeed, the Risen Christ is with us and in our midst as we go through the global pandemic crisis. I pray that all of us be more attentive to the presence and work of the Risen Christ and boldly and confidently take each day at a time, trusting and joining His active healing and renewing ministry in this world.

I invite you and your family to come and celebrate the resurrection of the Lord via ZOOM this Sunday, April 12, 2020. Invite your FRAN – Friends, Relatives, Associates & Neighbors to join our online Easter celebration at www.fairfield.org. Bishop Bickerton, episcopal leader of New York Annual Conference will deliver us an Easter message.

See you all soon face to face.

Kun Sam Cho, Pastor

Ps. Easter offering envelope is enclosed. We are Easter people making differences for the glory of God. May you be filled with joy as you freely share a portion of God's blessing for the mission and ministry of your Fairfield Grace church.