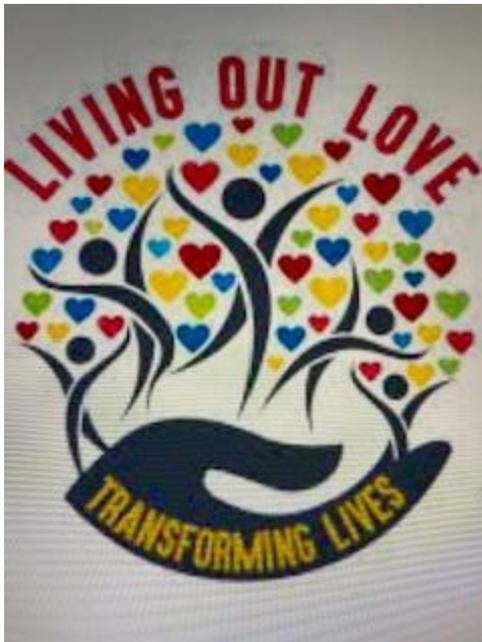


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When the echo of “alleluias” has faded, when the eggs have all been eaten and the baskets have been packed away for another year – the WORK of Easter begins...

With apologies to Howard Thurman, these words are reminiscent of his well-known Christmas poem.

So – WHAT exactly – IS the “WORK of EASTER???”



Teresa of Avila and the painting of Jesus in our sanctuary give us a hint...

When our previous pastor John Pelletier bought the large canvas, people were puzzled by its unfinished appearance – with only dripping paint where his arms and legs should have been.

But the incompleteness was one of the things that had actually drawn him to it..

He preached that the Resurrection is not simply a 2000 year-old “event” which we celebrate one Sunday a year, but A REALITY THAT EACH ONE OF US IS CALLED TO LIVE OUT each and every day; he pointed us to the words of Carmelite nun Teresa of Avila (1515-1582):

“Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.

Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.”

[\(click on this link](#) to hear a lovely musical version of these words)

Our WORK?

To take Jesus’ Resurrection LOVE and EMBODY IT – IN EVERY WAY WE POSSIBLY CAN – every day we are alive. When we do this, we make the Resurrection happen again and again and again!

Howard Thurman's poem points us once again to our mission:

“ ... to find the lost
to heal the broken
to feed the hungry
to release the prisoner
to rebuild the nations
to bring peace among brothers (and
sisters)
to make music in the heart...”

AMEN and AMEN and AMEN

