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Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the dead. Spring has sprung and hope springs eternal. It has been said that "April showers bring May flowers." As the waters from heaven replenish the earth to once again turn it green in all of its glory and splendor. So too does God restore hope to those who are born a new in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and glory is given to God when we are able to bear fruits of righteousness in Jesus' name. Others are able to see the light of God's splen-

dor shine in our lives with each passing day as we "press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3: 14).

Likewise, the Resurrection gives Christians hope that life's blooming possibilities will thrive and grow from our labors in God's vineyard as we serve with obedience, integrity, loyalty, competence, courage, creativity, teamwork, respect, and trust in the God "who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine," (Ephesians 3: 20). This our hope; as spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust [hope] is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious and it does not cease to bear fruit . . . . I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings" (Jeremiah 17:7-8, 10).

Yours in the Ministry of Christ, Pastor Lionel G. Hayes, Jr.

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