

# *Canton Wesleyan Church*

April 1, 2018

**Welcome! Happy Easter!**

We trust you feel the **warmth and caring** that have been a tradition here at Canton Wesleyan Church **for over 83 years**. If you're looking for hope, purpose, or a sense of belonging... you'll find it here. ☺

## **Order of Worship:**

**\*Song:** Easter Song

**\*Song:** I Live

Greeting

Welcome & Announcements

God at Work in our Lives

Prayer requests

Morning Prayer

Offering

**Song:** My Victory

Sermon: A New Lease on Life

**\*Song:** Chain Breaker, by Gaither Vocal Band

**Communion** (Song: Come as You Are by David Crowder)

**\*Blessing/Dismissal**

**\* Congregation standing**

## **Serving today:**

**Sound:** John Brown/Steve Pressley/Justin Hipps

**Video:** David Wilson

**Keyboard:** Angela Hipps

**Pastor's Assistant:** Mike Caldwell

**Worship Service Childcare:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Carolyn Lester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Keener, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Hipps, 4<sup>th</sup> Ardith Brown, 5<sup>th</sup> Crystal Singleton.

## **Have a Prayer Need?**

**Prayer Ministry:** Contact by phone: Betty Jo Coleman: 828-421-2009 or Janice Silver: 828-648-0829

Contact by email: Carolyn Wilson: dw.cw37@yahoo.com

**Bathrooms, Nursery, and Children's classrooms are on the lower level.**

Please submit bulletins items to Pastor David by Thursday Noon. Thanks.

## **Teaching Notes**

### **A New Lease on Life**

**NLT Luke 8:1-2** Not long afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby cities and villages to announce the Good News concerning the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, <sup>2</sup> along with some women he had healed and from whom he had cast out evil spirits. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons;

### **Before Mary met Jesus, her life was a real struggle!**

**John 20:11-18 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. <sup>12</sup> She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. <sup>13</sup> "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. <sup>15</sup> "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." <sup>16</sup> "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher"). <sup>17</sup> "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message.

**Since God raised Jesus from the dead, doesn't it make sense that He could fix whatever is tormenting you today?**