

The Fish Net

Boston Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

It was for many of us a long and cold winter that seemed to arrive earlier than usual. Then came the ice storm that played havoc with so many people's lives in the days before Christmas. After that came the brutal cold in January with day after day of wind chill warnings. February too seemed to be colder and snowier than what we are used to, but then came the 11th of March! The sun shone and the temperature climbed to 10 degrees Celsius; it was the nicest time I had spent walking our dog in months! But then? Twenty-four hours later the wind blew and about 20 centimetres of snow fell. The day after that was sunny but so cold; at 7:00 a.m. the temperature was minus 18 with a wind chill of minus 28 and somehow the beautiful spring-like conditions of two days earlier seemed like a dream. When I think about it though, I see a parallel between all this and Easter.

The beautiful spring-like conditions of March 11th did not signify the end of winter; that beautiful day was however a reminder and promise of the wonderful season of life yet to come. And so it is with Easter itself. The resurrection of Jesus does not mean that everything is now perfect, that "winter" is over and that "spring" has arrived. What the resurrection does signify however is that "winter" will not last; that "spring," or God's ultimate victory over sin, injustice, hate and even death itself is assured. Easter is God's promise of what shall be, and we affirm this at Easter. God truly does have the final say, and one day, someday, His will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Truly it is no wonder that we call Easter our most triumphant holy day!

Wishing you a most blessed Easter season,

Shawn