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But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first.
(1 Corinthians 15,20 CEB)

Admiration is not enough

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
This is how Christians greet one another all over the world on Easter Sunday. This shows me that it is the most important basis of our faith.

You can see many things in Jesus: a wonderful teacher who gives us valuable examples for clearing complicated matters by using picturesque stories; someone who was way ahead of his time because he often dismissed social standards; a beautiful example because there was never a discrepancy between his words and his acts; someone who like many others tried to contribute to making this world a bit better; someone who had finally become intolerable for the Roman Empire and was executed on the cross. Is that the end? Oh No! Easter Morning makes the difference and has changed everything. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! This is the basic fact which changes everything. Now, it is not enough to simply admire Jesus, now you need faith to relate to him. Either I accept Jesus completely in faith or I don't, and then all my admiration for him is useless. The question is not whether I find Jesus admirable.

I believe that Jesus died for me and is risen indeed.

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I give thanks

- That women today can freely choose to live their lives in the fullness of God.
- That women have the possibility to use all their abilities and knowledge in our church.

My prayer ist

- For those women who are willing to be called into the service for God.
- For those women who accept duties in our church.
- For women who are doing their best to fulfill their duties in their families and/or their jobs.

The **Women's Department of the UMC** encourages women to structure their lives on God's abundant grace. We encourage women to rely on their personal traits and to live their own integral spirituality. We also encourage women to engage in leading functions.

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