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Dear Friends,

KD and I spent eight wonderful days at Unity Village. She explored the grounds, attended Silent Unity prayer services, and was given a private tour of the Silent Unity building by the director of Silent Unity, Lynn Brown. In the meantime I attended workshops, meetings, and interviews as a member of the Association of Unity Churches International Field Licensing Program for future Unity Ministers.

KD and I did manage to spend time together and just have a "be" moment. It's a moment when the world just seems to stop and you find yourself having a "blessing experience." One of those moments came while KD and I were out for a walk when the weather warmed to 52 degrees. We both stopped and looked at some tulips pushing up from the ground, as if to say to Mother Nature, "I don't care how much snow, ice, and cold you send. I'm reaching up and out of the dark and cold."

Later in the day I started thinking about that "be" moment and all the many changes and challenges that Unity Village, the Association of Unity Churches International, you, me, and the world at large are going through. Then my thoughts turned to the message of Easter.

Easter has always been a symbol of renewal and rebirth for me. No matter what the appearances or circumstances may be we can reach up and out of any dark, cold challenge and into the light. Changes and challenges are all around us. We can choose to allow them to bury us in worry, anxiety or fear. Or we can claim our divine birthright and resurrect ourselves into a new way of living.

When Jesus said to the people, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father* (John 14:12). He wasn't playing lip service to the crowd or giving

them false hope, he meant it!

He taught that we are all sons and daughters of God, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and *your heavenly Father* knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matt 6:31-33).

This is a very clear message that when faced with any obstacles we can call upon God to help us in our resurrection into a new way of being.

I invite all of you to come share the Easter experience as we continue to explore ways to Embrace the Divine in 2009. Join me on Palm Sunday and then Easter as we prepare for and then celebrate the resurrections in our lives.

*Abundant Blessings?
Rev. Chuck*

Monday Morsels With Rev. Chuck

A sharing of ideas and concepts on how to apply metaphysical and spiritual principles in our daily lives. Meets in the Ada Davis Room each Monday @ 6:30 p.m. No meetings on holidays.

Easter Flower Service

Bring a flower to place on the Living Cross during the Easter Service. A Easter Egg hunt will follow the service for children 10 and under. Communion will also be offered.

A Message of Support

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