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As I sit at my desk to compose this column, snow continues to fall. Earlier this morning, I greeted several people entering the building with a rousing chorus of “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...” The several inches of beautiful white powder (I wish my knees still permitted me to ski!) make it difficult to write about Easter!

Preachers and church music directors are frequently out-of-kilter when it comes to holiday seasons. The necessity for advanced planning and rehearsals means that John Schmid and I are frequently thinking about Christmas during the sweltering summer days of August, and planning for the penitential season Lent while everyone else is celebrating the joy of Christmas. While the two of us have grown accustomed to this, it does not help when the weather gets all mixed up!

All of this reminds me that we actually celebrate Easter throughout the year. The primary reason we worship on Sunday (the first day of the week), rather than Saturday (the Sabbath or seventh day of the week), is to commemorate the resurrection. Every Sunday worship service should have an aspect of Easter celebration. Christian songwriters Richard Avery and Donald Marsh took this idea a step farther in their song, “Every Morning is Easter Morning.”

Chorus: Every morning is Easter morning from now on!  
Every day’s resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

- 1) Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, hello sun!  
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!
- 2) Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.  
Get it straight from the Easter People! God’s in charge spread the word!
- 3) Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but to day look and see!  
I belong to the Easter people! Life’s exciting to me!