

Celebration of Resurrection Sunday

(*Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING *Lamb of God* Larson

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* No. 232

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

One: God has claimed us as his own.

All: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG *In Christ Alone* Getty, Townend

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The beauty of the empty tomb and the glory of the risen Savior do not blind us to our own failures to live into this reality. Let us now confess our sin, knowing that God's love is more powerful than our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high and we're nowhere to be found:

All: God forgive.

One: When we wash our hands of responsibility:

All: God forgive.

One: When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy our freedom with silver:

All: God forgive.

One: When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

All: God forgive.

One: In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed and your grace is revealed.

All: Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one, amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers, hear, receive, and believe this Good News. In Jesus the Christ, through his life, though his death, and through his resurrection which we rejoice today, our sins are forgiven. Hallelujah, he is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Amen.**

SONG *Agnus Dei / King of Kings* Smith, Ingram, Ligertwood

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *John 20: 1-18 NIV*

SERMON Rev. John Cheek

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *Can't No Grave Hold My Body Down* Tharpe

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* Maher

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG *This is Amazing Grace* Wickham

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We are glad you are here today! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and let us know that you were here and if there are any changes to your contact information or a prayer request. All services are **live-streamed** on our website or YouTube – all past services are available to view as well.

First time at Immanuel? We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it's full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours.

The Nursery is Open for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need care and comforting. We also have children's activity binders, and the playground is open.

Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5 from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

Fellowship Hour – Join us for coffee and refreshments in Witherspoon Hall after the service. It is a great time to catch up with friends and meet new people.

Thank you to our worship assistants and teachers today-

- Lay Readers – Laura Fennema at 8:30am and Amy Burton at 11:00am
- Time Together Teachers – Shay and Theo Friedmeyer
- Nursery Volunteers – Laurie Emery, Sofie Bishop

Participants:

Rev. John Cheek
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Laura Fennema, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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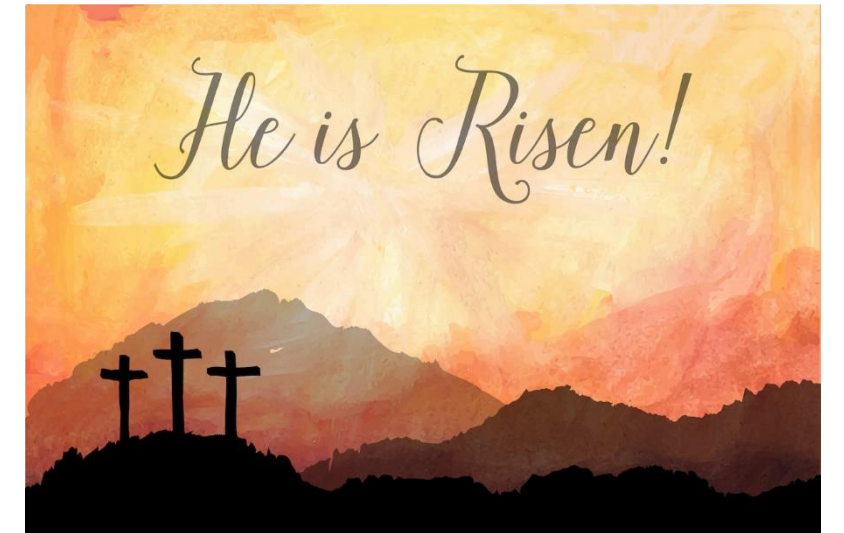
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8:30am Worship Service
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*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*