



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Service
Easter Sunday with Holy Communion
April 4, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lord of the Dance

Shaker Tune

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:3-5

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

Happy Day

Cantelon & Hughes

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 Peter 2:24

One: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, by your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him with all our hearts, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts and gratitude is far from our lips. Forgive our fear of dying and our fear of living the abundant life Christ gives to us. Set us free to serve and follow the risen and exalted Christ, who will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Cor. 15:54-57

One: Hear the good news: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Sisters and brothers, be at peace—Christ has taken away your sin and shame!

All: Thanks be to God!

Hearing

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

EASTER VIDEO

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8 NRSV

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Rising of the Son

Rev. John C. Tittle

Responding

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG

In Christ Alone

Getty & Townsend

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.

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 LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

You may participate in the Lord's Supper from where you are. Have with you bread and juice to partake as the minister guides us through the sacrament.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

ANTHEM

You, too, Would Join the Song

Schurr

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Holly Schurr, violin

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