



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

Easter Sunday

Communion

April 9, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of Resurrection Sunday

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

***Song** *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)* Wesley,
Arnold, Parks

***Responsive Scripture Reading** *1 Pet. 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** *This is Amazing Grace* Wickham, Riddle, Farro

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. Let us confess our sin to our forgiving God.

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 really living out of the abundant life Christ offers. Set us free for joy in the risen and exalted Christ, who will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

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!

Song

In Christ Alone

Getty, Townend

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 1-10 NRSVue

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Fear and Great Joy

Rev. John C. Tittle

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory Music

How Can It Be

Johnson, Ingram, Mabury

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 Cup

Concluding Prayer

***Closing Song**

Living Hope

Wickham, Johnson

***Charge and Benediction**

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell,
Joy Hager

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