



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

April 16, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song

Greater

Mercy Me

*Call to Worship

Psalm 16: 7-11

One: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

All: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

All: For you do not give me up to the grave or let your faithful one see the pit.

One: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

All: in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

One: Let us worship the living God!

*Song

Mercy Came Running

Phillips, Craig, Dean

Contemplative Confession

Song

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Redman, Angrisano

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19-31 NRSVue

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,

they are retained.”²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Life in His Name
Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Laughing With

Regina Spektor

Prayers of the People

One: Christ, risen Lord, be with us,

All: **and give us your peace.**

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.

*Closing Song

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Joy Hager, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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