

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional 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)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WESTMINSTER SEQUENCE

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRELUDE

Meditation on Alleluia No. 1

Miller

*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!

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

American folk melody

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The psalmist testifies: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Micah 7

One: Hear the good news: “God does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing mercy. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” Brothers and sisters be at peace—in Christ Jesus you are holy and blameless before our loving God.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia!

O’Carrol

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the sung response. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with some rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' written below it.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF 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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

One: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Fishel

OFFERTORY

Rise up, my heart, with gladness

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

harm. Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Giving God, just as we love because you first loved us, we give because you first gave to us. Out of gratitude we bring gifts of money to be used for your kingdom work. With these gifts we also pledge to you our whole selves. We give you our bodies as living temples; may we be your hands and feet. We give you our minds; may our thoughts support others and glorify you. We give you our time; may our presence encourage others. We give you our relationships; may our interactions be a light to the world. We give you our work; may we always strive to do our best and help others do theirs. We give you our play; may our leisure bring joy to many. We give you our hopes and our dreams; may our goals reflect your mission. Use these gifts, great God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Elvey

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Salve Festa Dies

Vaughan Williams

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Sandy Russell, flute
Becky Diebold, hymn leader
Amanda Elridge, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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Hymns are selected from the Presbyterian Blue Hymnal (available at your seats) and the Glory to God hymnal

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