

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service
April 23, 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

This Joyful Eastertide

Lind

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116

One: I love the Lord, because God hears me and listens to my prayers.

All: Because you have inclined your ear to me, I will call on you as long as I live.

One: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

One: Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN

Here in This Place

Haugen

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Friends in Christ: Though we often try to escape from God's presence, we know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises, nor trusted in you, our living Lord. We have been slow to discern your presence with us. Through discontentment in our minds and disappointments in our lives, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard your Word. We have not trusted in Your redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the joy of Christ's victory over death and ignore the things that belong to our peace. Mercifully grant us release from all our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation, for Christ's sake, our risen Lord and heavenly advocate. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Pet. 2: 25

One: Hear the good news: "All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and have life!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia!

O'Carrol

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

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 13-35 NRSVue

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke

it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Gospel According to Cleopas

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.

*HYMN

When the Poor Ones

Olivar

(insert - Verso 1 en Español, verses 1-4 in English)

OFFERTORY

On the Journey to Emmaus

arr. Haugen

(insert – congregation please sing verses 1 and 4)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

harm. Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We bring our gifts in response to the good news. Christ is risen and walks and abides with us still. May all that we do be in response to this new life we have through the living Christ. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform all of our being to conform with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others might taste, hear, and see the salvation you brought near to us in Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord abide with us,

All: and we will abide in you.

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

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Knapp

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus

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
Peggy Free, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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