

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(\*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, God's presence is not announced so much by searing light or angelic song, as it is by the gradual recognition of something holy enmeshed in our daily lives: simple as salt, common as bread, as unexpected as a treasure buried in a field!

**All: Such is the presence of Christ with us in each ordinary day. Let us praise God with joy!**

\*HYMN *Alleluia! Christ is Arisen* No. 253

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen....and confess together.

\*KYRIE *O Lord, Have Mercy* No. 578

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O  
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O  
Greek 1 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri -  
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri -  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block You right out of our lives. Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see You or to recognize Your voice. Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*ALLELUIA *Celtic 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

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 24: 28-43* NRSVue

SERMON *Jesus in the Pots*  
Rev. Diane Christopher

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Abide with Me* No. 836

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Now the Green Blade Rises* McCullough

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 609

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Risen Savior, we offer these gifts with great joy because you abide with us in the extraordinary and in the ordinary. We ask for your richest blessings to be poured upon them, so they will be used to share your love with all. In the name of the One who is always present with us. Amen.**

A LITANY FOR MOTHERS by Amy Young

One: To those giving birth this year to their first child and to those pregnant with new life-

**All: We celebrate with you.**

One: To those who lost a child this year and those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, cut offs and running away-

**All: We mourn with you.**

One: To foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms-

**All: We need you.**

One: To those with warm and close relationships with your children-

**All: We celebrate with you.**

One: To those with disappointment, heart ache, distance from children-

**All: We sit with you.**

One: To those who lost their mothers this year-

**All: We grieve with you.**

One: To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your mother-

**All: We share your pain.**

One: To those who will have emptier nests in this year—

**All: We grieve and rejoice with you.**

One: To those who never experienced motherhood –

**All: We bless you.**

One: Mothering is not for the faint of heart, we have real warriors in our midst-

**All: We remember 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 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* No. 232

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Christ Be Beside Me* Gaelic melody

**WELCOME TO IMMANUEL**

**We are glad you are here today!** Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and let us know that you were here and if there are any changes to your contact information or a prayer request. All services are **live-streamed** on our website or YouTube – all past services are available to view as well.

**First time at Immanuel?** We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it's full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours.

**The Nursery is Open** for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need care and comforting. We also have children's activity binders, and the playground is open.

**Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5** from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. The children participate in bible stories, songs, crafts and games. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

**Fellowship Hour** – Join us for coffee and refreshments in Witherspoon Hall after the service. It is a great time to catch up with friends and meet new people.

**Thank you to our worship assistants and teachers today-**

- Lay Readers – Marcia Aurand at 8:30am and Michael Dungan at 11:00am
- Time Together Teachers – Jan Nebesny, Wesley Baylor and Aaron Puckett

Participants:

Rev. Diane Christopher  
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries  
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation  
Kelly Wood, Children's Message  
Michael Dungan, lay reader  
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual




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The Kitchen Maid  
by Diego Velázquez (1599-1660)

Traditional  
Worship Service  
11:00am

May 12, 2024

*Discovering and displaying  
Christ in here and out there*