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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

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Nancy Bair, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

~ **GATHERING** ~

GATHERING MUSIC

THE EMPTY TOMB LUKE 23:50-24:3 (NRSV)

“With all of the alleluias, it is hard to remember that Easter morning begins in sorrow. Grieving and dumbfounded, women make their way to the tomb where their friend, teacher, and savior lies.”

~ Wilda C. Gafney

PRELUDE HOW FAIR AND HOW PLEASANT ART THOU Op. 18. No. 5
by Marcel Dupré

EASTER WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! **Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

*LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

He appeared to the women, and to the disciples,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!



***HYMN**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

GTG #232

by Charles Wesley

EASTER HYMN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We journeyed through the season of Lent, we feasted together at the Passover table, and we grieved together at the foot of the cross. We thank you, God, as we gather in joy this Easter morning!

Help us choose the path that leads to resurrection.

We, like Mary, often fail to see when the Risen Christ stands before us. We ask, God, that you open our eyes to your presence in our midst.

Help us choose the path that leads to resurrection.

Like the disciples running to the tomb, we often fail to believe what you have revealed to us. Give us wisdom to understand the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ.

Help us choose the path that leads to resurrection.

We rejoice this Easter morning, celebrating Jesus' triumph over the grave. We rejoice in the stone that has been rolled away, granting us everlasting life in Christ.

Help us choose the path that leads to resurrection. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ we are restored.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Encourage
one another

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

~ THE WORD ~

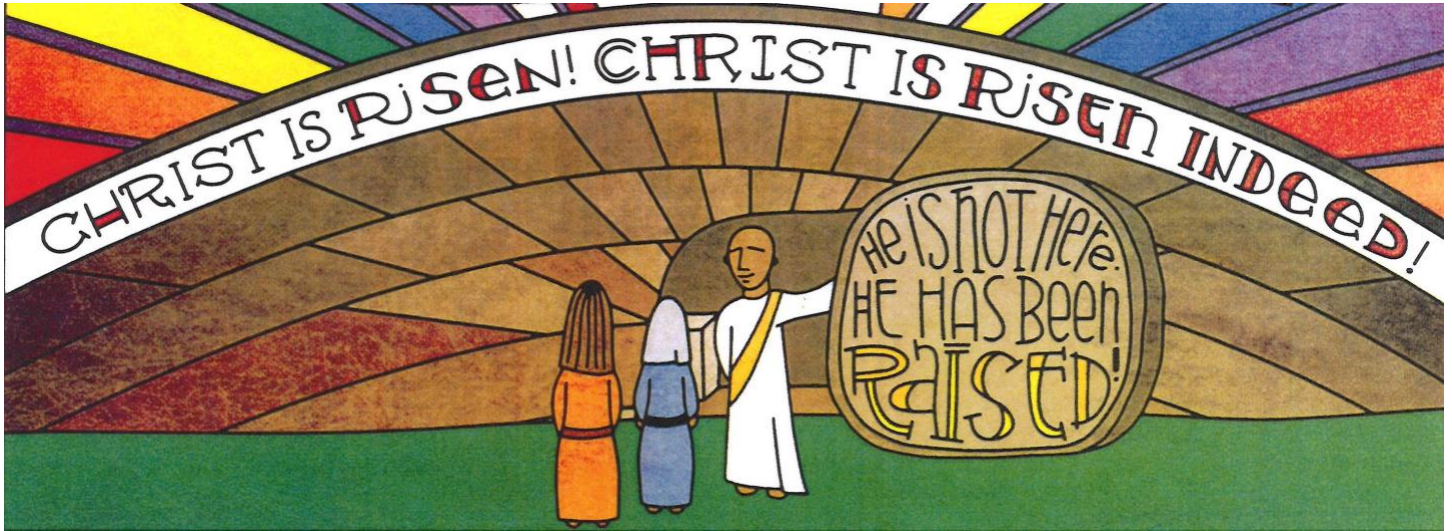
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

(NRSV)

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:1-12

(NRSV)

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

WERE YOU THERE

GTG #228

African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen

Verse 6

SERMON

THE PATH TO RESURRECTION

Rev. David B. Wigger

HYMN

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

GTG #260

by William Chatterton Dix

HYFRYDOL

Rejoice

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

...Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of all creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARIST HYMN **BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN**

GTG #497

by Susan R. Briehl

ARGENTINE SANTO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ **SENDING** ~

HYMN

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

GTG #248

by Brian Wren

HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN B \flat MAJOR

Op. 38 No. 21

by Dimitri Kabalevsky



Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.

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(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version; GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal



Easter Plant Dedication



The Easter plants that grace our chancel or which are being delivered to shut-in members, have been graciously donated by the following members and friends of the Independence Presbyterian Church family.

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| John and Nancy Bair | Glory to the risen Christ!
In memory of our parents and grandparents |
| Blazek Family | In loving memory of our daughter, Tessa Marie |
| Laura Butler | In memory of Joseph Hasenohrl |
| Barbara Csuti | In memory of my beloved husband, John Csuti. |
| Janet Dular | To the glory of God!
To the resurrection of Christ! |
| Donna and
David Edwards | In loving memory of our parents |
| Gail Gronwall | |
| Bob Highman | In memory of Nancy Highman |
| Nancy Jermann | In memory of Janis Bullock |
| Nina Kazarovich | |
| Dr. Michael and
Brenda Kolchin | In memory of Margaret Fraley |
| Wendy and
Dave Lavey | In celebration of Sarah's engagement to Andrew! |
| Betty Lenny | In loving memory of Donald S. Lenny |
| Sue Lenny | |



Frank Lovell	In loving memory of my parents, Frank and Marie Lovell
Larry and Sue Mamere	In memory of our loved ones
Mike and Debbie Messenger	In memory of our parents In memory of our friends and loved ones
Sherry Rasmusen	In memory of Dianne Rasnick-Brown
Karen Shallcross	He is risen indeed!
Bill and Connie Smith	In memory of our loved ones
Somple Family	He is Risen!
Mary Spence	In memory of my loved ones.
Tomasko Family	
Paula and Terry Trill	In humble gratitude for all God's gifts. The Trill Family



Donations to Shut-Ins:

John and Nancy Bair, the Blazek Family, Laura Butler, Bob Highman, Nina Kazarovich, Dr. Michael and Brenda Kolchin, Wendy and Dave Lavey, Betty Lenny, Frank Lovell, Sherry Rasmusen, Karen Shallcross, Bill and Connie Smith, Mary Spence, the Tomasko Family, and Paula and Terry Trill.



Your plants can be taken home after the 10:30 service on Easter.