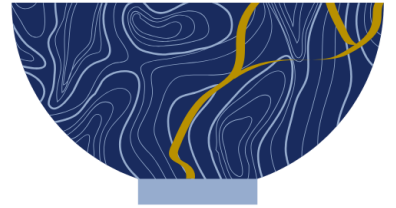


Sow Good News



"We have this treasure in clay jars." (2 Corinthians 4:7)



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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*Blessed are you who see it all now. The terrible, beautiful truth
that our world, our lives seem irreparably broken.*

Blessed are you who glimpse reality and don't turn away.

~ Good Enough: Devotions for a Life of Imperfection

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Lauren Somple, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

~ EASTER DAWN ~

Oh **God**, I want to be a person who is not mired by inaction in the face of **despair**, but who works to realize **Your vision** for the world. Who participates in unleashing Your kingdom of **peace** and **gentleness** and **justice** and **love**.

~ from *Good Enough*

THE POTTER AND THE CLAY (*Jeremiah 18-19, 29, 2 Corinthians 4-5*)

Come down to the potter's house,
and there I will let you hear my words.

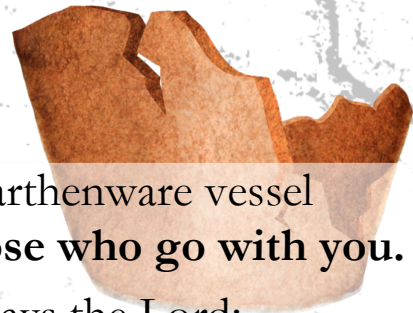
Just like the clay in the potter's hands,
so are you in my hand.

Thus, said the Lord: Go and buy a potter's earthenware vessel
You shall break the pot in the sight of those who go with you.

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord:
Plans for welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

In the face of Christ, the light of the glory of God shines in our hearts:
We have this treasure in jars of clay.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
See, everything has become new!



PRELUDE

HANDEL SONATA NO. 3: II. ALLEGRO arr. Sigurd Rascher
with Greg Banaszak, Alto Saxophone

*May I be a person marked by **bright hope**
in the midst of the **darkest of hours**.*

*May I be **an EASTER person**.*

~ from *Good Enough*

~ GATHERING ~

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!

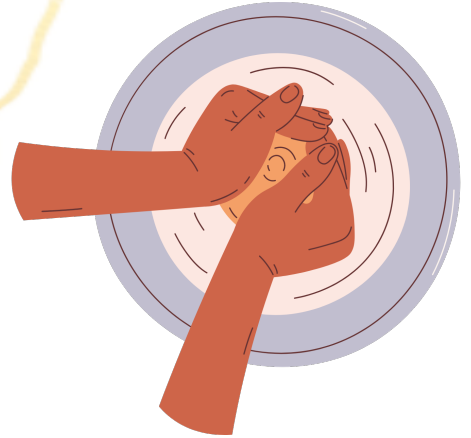
He appeared to the women, and to the disciples,
and to many faithful witnesses.

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
by Charles Wesley

GTG #232
EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed; and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.



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 I.P.C. church family.

John and Nancy Bair

Melissa Blazek

In memory of Tessa Marie Blazek.

Laura and Erik Butler

In memory of our fathers, Joe and Mike.

Barbara Csuti

In memory of my beloved husband, John V. Csuti.

Janet Dular

For peace and love.

Gail and Paul Gronwall

Bob Highman

In memory of Nancy Highman

Nina Kazarovich

Michael Kolchin

In memory of the Fraley Family:
Ish, Marge Pat, Marian and Brenda



Dave and Wendy
Lavey

In memory of Jim and Mary Alice Lavey.

Don and Sue Lenny

In memory of our parents.

Betty Lingler

In memory of Jim Lingler.

Frank Lovell

In loving memory of my parents,
Frank and Marie Lovell and my brother, Tom.

Sarah & Dave
Mansbery

In memory of our loved ones.

Debbie and Mike
Messenger

In loving memory of our families and friends





EASTER PLANT DEDICATION



- Beth Polansky In loving memory of George Polansky.
- Karen Shallcross He is risen indeed!
- Bill and Connie Smith In memory of family and friends.
- Somple Family The Joy of Easter morning.
- Carol Tomasko In memory of Ed and Mary Spence.
- The Trill Family Prayers for peace.
- Amy and David For the congregation of IPC
Wadsworth-Wigger and all of the love they have shown our family.



Donations to Shut-Ins:

John and Nancy Bair, Melissa Blazek, Gail and Paul Gronwall, Bob Highman, Nina Kazarovich, Michael Kolchin, Dave and Wendy Lavey, Don and Sue Lenny, Betty Lingler, Frank Lovell, Sarah and Dave Mansbery, Debbie and Mike Messenger, Beth Polansky, Bob Scott, Karen Shallcross, Bill and Connie Smith, the Somple Family, Carol Tomasko, the Trill Family and the Wadsworth-Wigger Family.



Your plants can be taken home after the service.



***RESPONSE**

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Roberts)

GTG #557

***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.**

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

GTG #591

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

TREASURE IN CLAY JARS

2 CORINTHIANS 4-5

Come down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.
For faith comes by listening.



GOSPEL READING

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

MARK 16:1-8

This is the good news, shone in our hearts to give light of the knowledge
of the glory of God. **We hold this treasure in jars of clay.**

SERMON

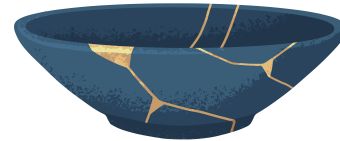
THE ART OF KINTSUGI
FROM GOD THE POTTER & GOD THE CLAY

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

*Blessed are we who stretch out our hands to you in **doubt and grief**,
in **sickness of body and mind and spirit**, our prayers not fully realized,
rejoicing anyway. ~ Kate Bowler*

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING OF THE WATERS OF GRACE



*HYMN

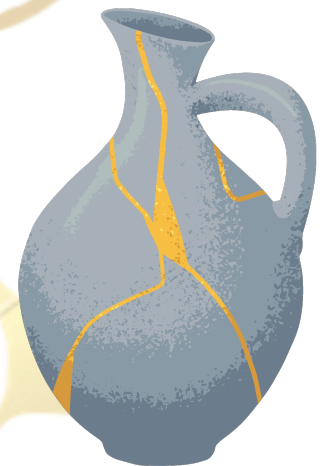
ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS
by William Chatterton Dix

GTG #260
HYFRYDOL

*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

OFFERTORY

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

GTG #591

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **EUCHARIST** ~

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen

GTG #525

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ **SENDING** ~

*For that is what makes us **Easter** people:
carrying forth the realized **hope** of the **Resurrected One**,
singing our **alleluias** great and small, while it is still **dark**.* ~ Kate Bowler

HYMN

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!
by Brian Wren

GTG #248
HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION

Christ is risen. Christ will come again. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

HANDEL SONATA NO. 3: IV. ALLEGRO

ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!