



# Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we meditate on the Psalm.

## Prelude

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from the Messiah HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel

# **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 118:22-24 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this. and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

## Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Introit

"Since by Man Came Death" from the Messiah HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel

#### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Mark van Stee

**IPC Singers** Chandler Cudlipp, Director

Kathy dal Corso

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead. Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! (based on 1 Peter 1:3-5)

# \*Hymn of Praise #123 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Words: Stanzas 1-3, Lyra Davidica, 1708; Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740 Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708, adapted from The Complete Psalmodist, 1749

#### **\*The Apostles' Creed** (Ecumenical, p. 14)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Francesca Johnston, Soprano Ruth Pfister, Organ

\*Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father" Words: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851; Tune: *Gloria Patri* 

#### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

#### Song

"Jesus Lives!" by Margaret R. Tucker

Children's Choir Christine Weeks, Director Kathy Deden, Piano

Nathan Wannemacher

#### Children's Message

Children are dismissed to their special program.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Job 19:23-27 (p. 523)

Kathy dal Corso

#### Meditation

"Behold, I Tell You a Mystery" - "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Jonas Jud, Bass from the *Messiah* HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel

#### **New Testament Reading**

Luke 24:1-12 (p. 1061)

#### Sermon

"Nonsense?!"

Rev. Mark van Stee

#### \***Hymn of Response** #108 "Christ Is Alive!" Words: Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Music: Thomas Williams, 1789, harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

# GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

#### Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.** Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

#### Words of Institution

# **Prayer of Consecration**

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

# The Lord's Prayer

# The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings	Heather Altermatt, Morning Worship Elder
<b>Offertory</b> "O Death, Where Is Thy Sting" from the <i>Messiah</i> HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel	Irati Berraondo Alto Nathan Haller, Tenor
* <b>Doxology</b> #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 15	
GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING	
Welcoming of Guests	Heather Altermatt
Announcements	
*Hymn of Dedication #122 "Thine Is the Glory" Words: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884, trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; alt. Music: George Frederick Handel, 1748	
*Sending and Pastoral Benediction	Rev. Mark van Stee
<b>Choral Benediction</b> "Worthy Is the Lamb" from the <i>Messia</i> h HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel	IPC Singers
<b>Postlude</b> "Hallelujah" from the <i>Messiah</i> HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel	IPC Singers
The congregation is invited to sing along (see insert).	

# \*Please stand if you are able.

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