

# ***Immanuel*** **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



***Growing Together in the Way of Jesus***

**“But hope is not about what we expect. It is an embrace of the essential unknowability of the world, of the breaks with the present, the surprises. Or perhaps studying the record more carefully leads us to expect miracles - not when and where we expect them, but to expect to be astonished, to expect that we don't know. And this is grounds to act.”**

**— Rebecca Solnit, *Hope in the Dark***

## ***The Promise of EASTER***

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
April 12, 2020**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

Easter Daybreak

B. Wilhour

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION TO PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the light that the darkness could not overcome  
And remember the great truth of Easter:

**People:** *That hope wins out, that love overcomes,  
That truth and justice will one day reign.*

INTROIT

Jesus Is Risen  
*Sarah Sherman, soloist*

G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Pruchnicki

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**People:** *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin. Thank you!*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Rev. Katie Strednak Singer

*Alpha and Omega,  
You are our beginning and our end.  
You are the One who teaches us  
That endings can become unexpected beginnings.  
You are the One who teaches us  
That hope springs eternal,  
And that new life is always  
Just one more stone rolled away.  
So roll away the stones today,  
And release us, God, from all that keeps us stuck in tombs.  
Release us today from missing the mark  
And wandering away from You and each other.  
Release us from the pain of addictions, from isolation, from loneliness.  
Release us from all that resists new life within us,*

*That we might love these Easter days as Your beloved disciples.  
 Teach us a new way.  
 Teach us Your Way;  
 For You are our Alpha and Omega,  
 Our beginning and our end,  
 And the One whose love is everlasting.  
 Hear our prayers now in silence...*

# SILENT PRAYER

# WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Leader:** God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, frees us from bondage to self; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

**People:** *On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

# EASTER RESPONSE (sung)

written by Karen L. Podany, 2001

*Christ is alive! All heavens rejoice! Let earth in triumph raise its voice!  
 For Christ the Lord is risen today! Our joy and gladness ever stay!*

# MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Susan Graceson

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

# PSALM 118 *Please Join in Singing the Refrain*



*This is the day the Lord has made,  
 let us rejoice,  
 Let us rejoice and be glad.  
 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
 His steadfast love lasts through all time. R*

*God is my saving strength  
 and exceeding glad song,  
 Hark the glad songs of victory.  
 The right hand of God does valiantly,  
 The hand of God is raised on high. R*

*I shall not die,  
 but I shall live well in the Lord,  
 And tell of all that He has done.  
 Open up the gates of righteousness,  
 That all the righteous may go in. R*

*This is the day the Lord has made,  
 let us rejoice,  
 Let us rejoice and be glad.  
 I thank Thee that Thou hast answered me,  
 Let us now sing "alleluia!" R*

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

## SERMON

“Hope, Fear, and Joy”

Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen

B. Wilhour

*Sarah Sherman, soloist*

## FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

*Adoring praises now we bring,  
And with the heavenly blessed sing,  
“Christ has triumphed, Alleluia!  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
Thine the glory, everlasting!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**People:** *And all that is within me bless God's holy name.*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**People:** *And forget not all God's benefits.*

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The stone is rolled open;  
Your people rejoice!  
Death has no hold over us;  
We celebrate new life!  
With gladness, with joy,  
We give our gifts to You  
For the work of Your kingdom.  
We pray all of this to You...  
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 OF SENDING

Thine Is the Glory

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfare

B. Wilhour

## **Announcements Concerning Our Lives Together**

Welcome to all those worshipping with us today! New to Immanuel? Please take a few moments to let us know about yourself - simply scan the QR code to the right to get started!



### **Flock Groups at Immanuel**

**"Know your sheep by name, carefully attend to your flocks."** Proverbs 27:23

In the interest of keeping our faith community together at this time of physical distancing, IPC has initiated Flock groups. Each Flock consists of about ten households plus a Flock Leader who has already reached out to you or will soon. We hope periodic check-ins via phone, e-mail, or text will be a welcome way to stay connected with your church family. Please reach out to your Flock Leader if you have any prayer requests, needs that arise, or ways your church family can provide assistance.

If you have not yet been contacted by a Flock Leader and want to be, please contact Katherine Wendt at [kgwendt@me.com](mailto:kgwendt@me.com) or 703-288-1150 who will find a Flock for you.

### **Join an Online Small Group!**

Several of Immanuel's small groups are continuing to meet via video-conferencing and conference calls - we encourage you to participate and stay connected to your Immanuel friends and family! Contact [Russ Carlton](#) for a list of small groups, with instructions on how to participate!

## Community Connection!

Thursday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m.

(hosted by Tina Long)

Join us for conversation and check-ins this Thursday! If you are missing seeing Immanuelites face-to-face, this Zoom hangout is for you! Look for the Zoom link in your Friday E-Presence or contact [office@ipcmclean.org](mailto:office@ipcmclean.org).

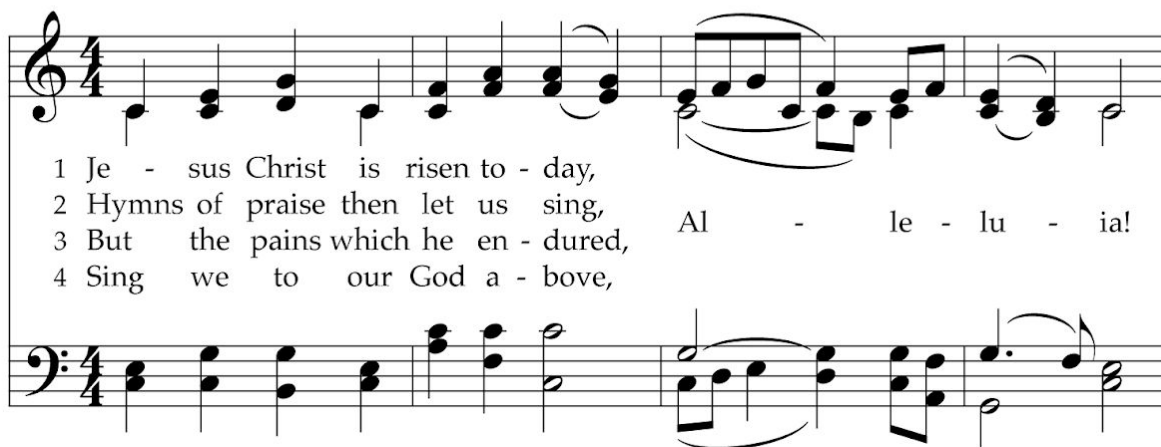
## New Ways to Give...

In response to the evolving challenges of COVID-19, we want to remind everyone of alternative tithing options which allow us to continue to operate and manage our church during this time.

- Click [here](#) for secure online giving.
- Would you prefer to set up an ACH direct debit from your bank account? Simply fill out [this](#) form, then scan and e-mail it to [Mary Ann Vaughan](#).
- Immanuel's new 'Text to Give' telephone number is 833-756-0284. [Click here](#) for instructions!
- Our members can also download the [Give Plus app](#) and search for our church to make donations.
- Any checks that are being mailed should temporarily be mailed to: Mary Ann Vaughan, 4923 Lackawanna St, College Park, MD 20740. Please continue to make checks payable to Immanuel. Thank you!

## Giving Statements

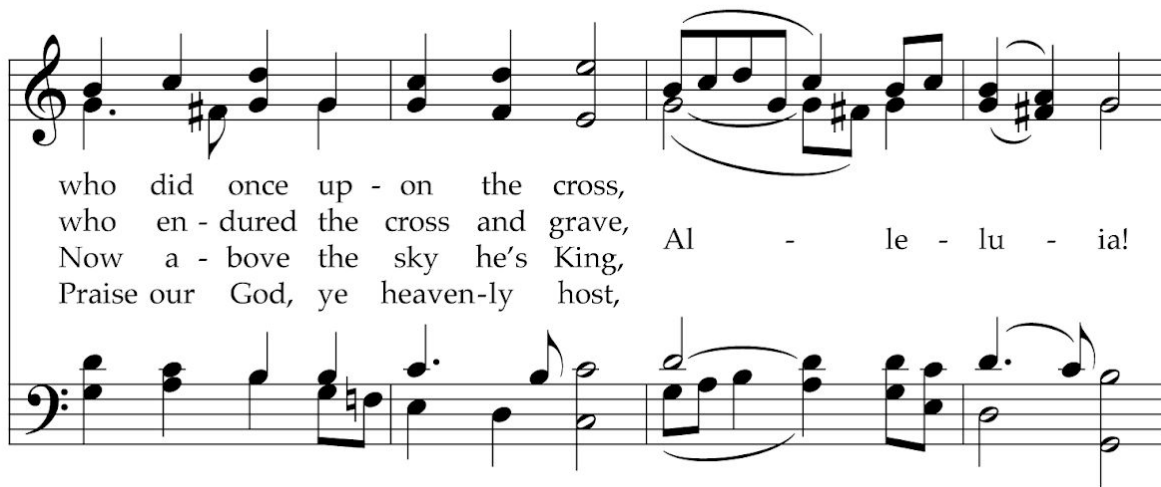
Please note that giving statements will be sent via email this quarter. For those that we don't have an email, you will receive them via USPS. Additionally, if you have experienced any problems when downloading your statements, please contact Mary Ann Vaughan at [mvaughan@ipcmclean.org](mailto:mvaughan@ipcmclean.org) and she will send you a copy. Thank you!



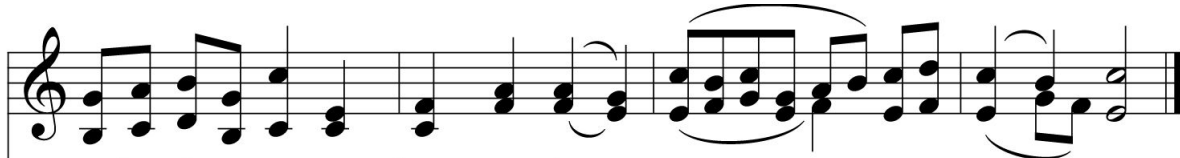
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.

sin - ners to re - deem and save.

where the an - gels ev - er sing.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia!





# 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"

2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,

3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Al - le - lu - ia!



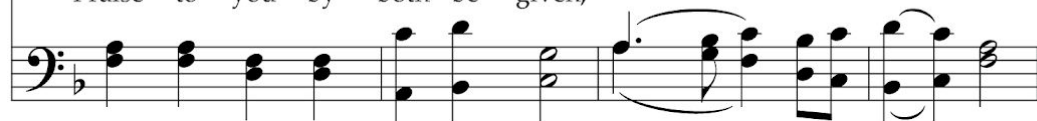
All cre - a - tion, join to say:

Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,

Where, O death, is now your sting?

Praise to you by both be given,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,

Death in vain for - bids him rise,

Je - sus died, our souls to save,

Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,

Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.

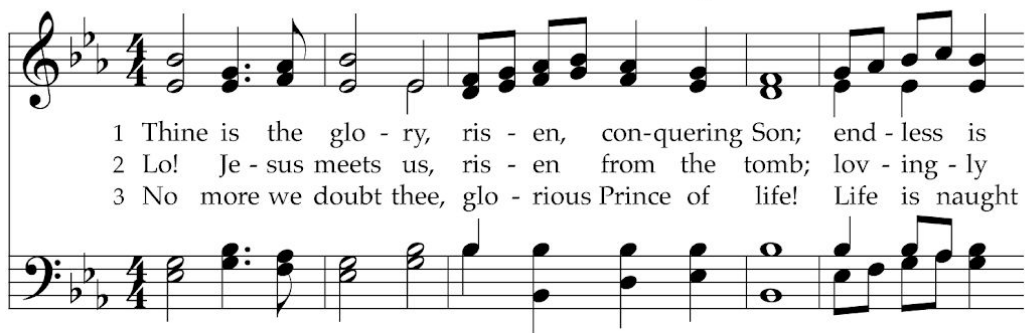
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

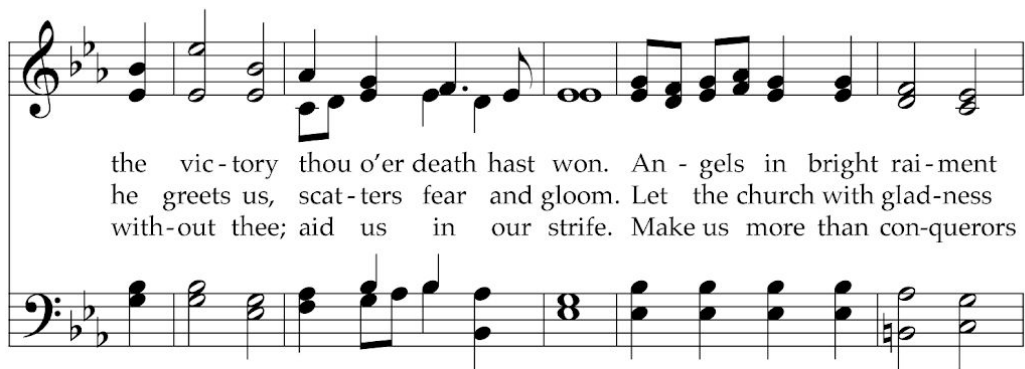
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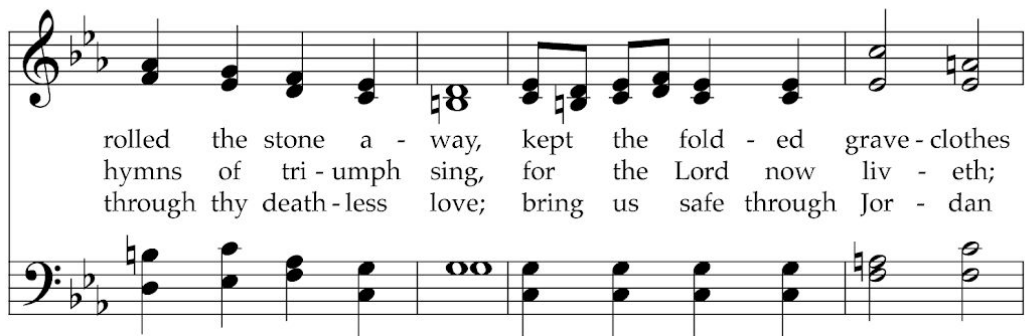
## Thine Is the Glory



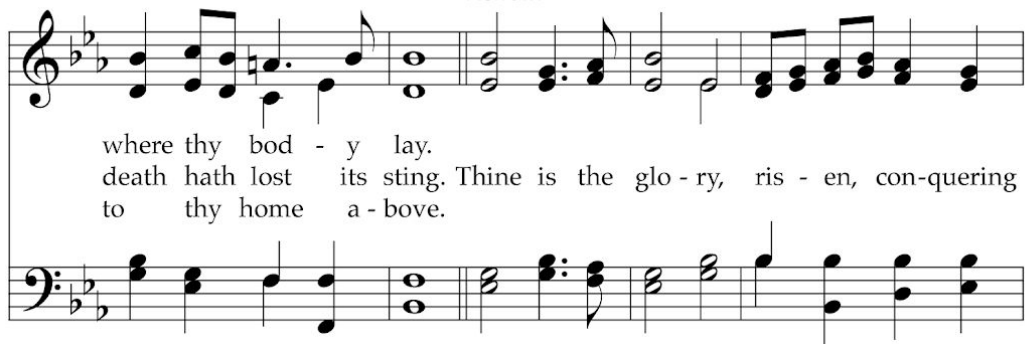
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught



the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*


where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score is written for a treble and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/6. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a half note C4, and a whole note B3. The bass staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a half note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a half note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, a half note D2, and a whole note C2. The lyrics are: 'Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.'