

IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 4, 2021



RISEN

**WE APPROACH GOD IN WORSHIP**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord our God, whose goodness and steadfast love endures forever! Israel said and we say:

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength, my power, and my salvation.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: I thank you, O God, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord our God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Based on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

*(Please be seated.)*

THE SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION

THE SHROUD

ANGELA WISDOM

Reader: This reminds us of the cloth in which they wrapped the body of Jesus. On Easter morning it was found empty, lying in the tomb where Christ's body had been placed. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

THE FRAGRANT OIL

HEATHER REYES

Reader: This fragrance reminds us that very early on Easter Day some women came to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for proper burial. The women were the first to hear of Jesus' resurrection. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

THE STONE

ANDY LEPEAU

Reader: This stone reminds us that on the resurrection morning, the stone that sealed the tomb was rolled away. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

THE CANDLE

ELLIE DURBIN

Reader: This candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

THE CROSS

GEORGE GARRISON

Reader: The cross you see is an empty cross. Jesus is not dead. He is risen. Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

\* INVOCATION

\* EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed.**

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

\* HYMN: *Lift High the Cross*

(Please ring bells during refrain.)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*to Refrain*

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.  
 MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985  
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CRUCIFER  
 10.10 with refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: O God, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too, come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.

**People: Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions, our lives.**

Leader: As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

**People: Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.**

Leader: Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ that led to victory over sin and death, an act that gives us the gift of a new beginning, guilt-free and graced by love. The tomb is empty because Christ is risen.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus “is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” Hear, believe, and live the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*(Based on Acts 10:42-43)*

\* SUNG ACCLAMATION

**All: He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.  
He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!  
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love!  
He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is life.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(Please share God's peace with those around you.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS, AND GIFTS**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

André Crouch  
RACHEL AND CHRIS GILMORE

The blood that Jesus shed for me  
Way back on Calvary  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its power

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears  
And it dries all my tears  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its power

It reaches to the highest mountain  
It flows to the lowest valley  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
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\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*(Please ring bells during "alleluias.")*

PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; be - hold His hands and side,  
 3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
 4. Crown Him the Son of God, be - fore the worlds be - gan,

hark, how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those He came to save.  
 and ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail; for Thou hast died for me;

and hail Him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 Thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1852, and Godfrey Thring, 1874  
 MUSIC: George Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA  
 SMD

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

*(Please stand for the reading of God's Word.)*

READERS: VINCE AND ELLEN MORRIS

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 16:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

<sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

*Acts 26:22-29*

<sup>22</sup> But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—  
<sup>23</sup> that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

<sup>24</sup> At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”

<sup>25</sup> “I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable. <sup>26</sup> The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. <sup>27</sup> King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

<sup>29</sup> Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.” NIV



*1 Corinthians 15:3-10*

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed.**  
All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

SERMON: *The Hope and Power of the Resurrection*

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

(Ring bells during the "alleluias.")

> 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 > 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 > 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 > 4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

\* BENEDICTION

\* EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed.**  
All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

\* POSTLUDE

## **TODAY**

If you have concerns or need prayer, Gaby Sosa will be available at the front of the worship area following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Rachel and Chris Gilmore, Immanuel Brass: Sylvia Eltherington, Chris Gilmore, Steve Wall, John Burch

Thanks to our technical crew, those who helped with set up, and ushering.

The Food Pantry is closed today.

There are no Adult Ed or Sunday School classes today and no youth group tonight.

The College Fellowship Group will be meeting. Contact Cindy for details (630-386-1534).

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	9:15 -11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible study
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Women's Bible study

## WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of those who die faithful to him.”

Psalms 116:15

**Rev. Bob Harvey**  
Pastor and friend of Immanuel

**Alan Johnson**  
**Dr. Jim Magary**  
Husband and son-in-law of Rea Johnson

**Frank and Genevieve Cole**  
**Everitt and Jean Saunders**  
Parents of Linden and Jane Cole

**Marie and John Krucke**  
**Ernest and Verna Zimmerman**  
Parents of John and Trudy Zimmerman

**Jean and Irving Hopper**  
Parents of Mary Hopper

**Ruth and Eric Welander**  
Parents of Peter Welander

**Richard Osielski**  
Father of David Osielski

**Walter and Ruth Schlagel**  
**Stanley Funck**  
Parents of Alethea Funck  
Father of Larry Funck

**Paul Heidebrecht**  
Husband of Priscilla, father of Kecia, Caleb, and Andrew, and grandfather of Jeremiah, Eliza, Mark, Christopher, and Michael Paul

**Ligaya Reyes**  
**Virginia Engelhardt**  
Grandmothers of Mel and Heather Reyes  
Great-grandmother of Oliva and Astrid

**Cornelius Balzer**  
Father of Dan Balzer

**Micah Shadid**  
Nephew and cousin of  
Dan, Phebe, Serena and Luciana Balzer

**John and Virginia Burch**  
Parents of John Burch  
Grandparents of Karen and Anna Burch

**Ruth Grimm**  
Mother of Bev Burch  
Grandmother of Karen and Anna Burch

**Don Penney, Sr.**  
**Peg Penney Hopeman**  
Father and mother of Don Penney, Doug Penney, and Cathy Schultz

**Christine Cornell**  
Wife of Steve Cornell

**Leonard Enz**  
Son-in-law of Steve Cornell

**Paul and Mardi Cornell**  
Parents of Steve Cornell

**Joe Spradley**  
Husband to Marilyn Spradley  
Father/grandfather of the Smoak family

**Katherine and Leonard Straayer**  
**Bob and Jean Harris**  
Grandparents of the Loney family

**Alexander J. and Mary Loney**  
**Carmelo D'Aquila, Marie Hopper**  
Grandparents of the Loney family

**Phil and Del Garrison**  
**John Ritsema**  
Parents of George and Susan  
Grandparents of Christina and Stephen

**Kelsey Steagall**  
**Mackenzie Steagall**  
Nieces of George and Susan,  
Cousins of Christina and Stephen Garrison

**Gene and Clara Westfall**  
Parents of Steve Westfall

**Jerome, Mary, and Bruce Leksa**  
Parents and brother of Janet Westfall

**James Morrison**  
Father of Dawn Curley

**Ellis and Connie Curley**  
Parents of Tim Curley

**Robert Heinrich**  
**Charles and Catherine LaPlaca**  
Parents of David and Annette LaPlaca  
Grandparents of Julia, Rob, Lucy, and D. J.

**Lee Austin**

Brother of Jeanette Myra

**Scott Wilkins**

Brother-in-law of Harold and Jeanette Myra

**Bill Stock**

Father of Karin Buursma

Father-in-law of Joel Buursma

Grandfather of Miriam and Bethany Buursma

**Becky Lynn Jendrzejczyk**

Daughter of Virginia and Joe Jendrzejczyk

**Chelsea Neace**

Great-granddaughter of Virginia and Joe Jendrzejczyk

**Virginia Patterson**

Good friend of Judy Bryson

**Jill Holly Jones**

Sister of Judy Bryson

**Joan Eddleman Reneker**

Mother of Doug Reneker

**Clarence and Helen Sheedy**

Parents of Marge Reneker

**Ray Fitzgerald**

Son-in-law of Ken and Sharon Wolgemuth

**George and Thelma Luttrell****George and Linda Hess**

Parents of Lew and Dottie Luttrell

**Willian "Bill" Jerdan**

Beloved husband, father, grandfather

**Virgil and Emily Hagen**

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**Willard Ong**

Father of Dee Netzel

Grandfather of Sophie

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Husband of Jean DeVries,

Father of Andrea Kendrick

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Great Grandfather of Ruby and Della

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Wife of Stephen

Mother of Gabrielle, Arianna, and Anne

**Roger Nystrom**

Husband of Carolyn Nystrom

**Sheri Nystrom Scandrett and child**

Daughter and grandchild of Carolyn Nystrom

**John David Shaffer**

Son of Virginia and Clint

Brother of Bill and Sarah

**Bill and Cid Davidson**

Parents of Virginia Shaffer

Grandparents of Bill and Sarah

**Edie Shaffer**

Mother of Clint

Grandmother of Bill and Sarah

**Allen Davidson**  
Brother of Virginia Shaffer

**Parents of**  
Janet and John Schuurman

**Randy Lawrence**  
Son of Frank and Barbara Lawrence  
Brother of Ryan, Rob, and Rachel

**Sandra Hall**  
Aunt of Amy Treier

**Wayne and Mary Keys**  
**Elda Treier**  
Grandparents of Dan Treier

**Betty Williams**  
Grandmother of the Ehorn family

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Parents of Jodie and Stu Johnson

**Ivan and Leona Levy**  
**Herbert and Vinona Sinclair**  
Parents of Marilyn and Leon Sinclair

**Gil Mead and Martha Mead**  
Friends of Immanuel

**Nancy and Tom Clinkenbeard**  
Friends of Immanuel

**Evelyn Taylor**  
Mother and grandmother of the Holman family

**Brian Holman**  
Father and grandfather of the Holman family

**Virgil B. Polley and Virginia C. Polley**  
Parents of Joan Sheesley

**Julie Nowack**  
Friend of Immanuel

**Roy and Ann Oliva**  
Parents, grandparents, great-grandparents  
Blackstone and Klassen families

**Deloris Gosling**  
Wife of Chuck Gosling

**Robert Wall**  
Father of Steve Wall

**Dr. Timothy Wall**  
Brother of Steve Wall

**Gayle Hanning**  
Mother of Kathy Wall

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Grandparents of Tim and Sharon  
Great Papou of AEthan

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Husband to Howard  
Mother to Annika and Marika  
Grandma to Durbin and Bennett kids

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Parents of Paula Bouck  
Grandparents of Andrew Wright

**Coral Rupprecht**  
Wife of Art, mother of Jean, Becky and Brian

**Brian Rupprecht**  
Brother of Jean Van Wyk and Becky Lillyman

**Cindy and Roger Oslund**  
Parents of Sheroll Ritchie

**Barbara Kurth**  
Wife of Fred Kurth

**Ginny Morris**  
Mother of Vince Morris

**Sue Green**  
Long time friend of Joy Hudson

**Bob “Baba” Skillen**  
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**Myrle Howell**  
Husband of Ruth Howell

**Len Tuggy**  
Friend of Immanuel

**Vic Glavach**  
Husband of Betsey Glavach

**Elaine Perkins**  
Wife of Murry Perkins

**Ray Brand**  
Friend of Immanuel

**Bob Carlson**  
Husband of April Carlson

**Larry V. Walker**  
Father of Lauren Mathues

**Arabella Mathues**  
Stillborn daughter of Lauren and David Mathues

**Bud Hutchinson**  
Husband of Marlis Hutchinson

**Bob Warburton**  
Husband of Mary Warburton

## Who We Seek to Be

*In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of*

**Joyful Worship**, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

**Loving Fellowship**, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

**Life-changing Learning**, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

**Enthusiastic Service**, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

### ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

### DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

### STAFF

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life; Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music; Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth; Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

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