

FOUNTAIN SQUARE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# EASTERTIDE

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## Call to Worship

*Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

# Song of Praise

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

*words: Reginald Heber, 1826; music: John B. Dykes, 1860; Public Domain*

# Song of Praise

*"Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"*

**Praise the Savior, now and ever;  
raise him, all beneath the skies;  
Prostrate lying suff'ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.  
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory, he doth rise.**

**Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness;  
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.  
Through his merit, we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;  
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;  
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.  
Christ has risen from death's prison;  
O'er the tomb he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father, sing;  
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.  
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit,  
He doth us salvation bring.**

words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson;  
music: attr. to William Moore, 1825; Arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005

# Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life,  
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
or acknowledge his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the ways of the world,  
and failed to give him glory.**

**We have given cursory acknowledgment  
of the power of the resurrection,  
but not sought to apply that power to our everyday lives.**

**Forgive us, and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

Lord, now hear our private prayers of confession.

# Assurance of Pardon and Hope

*Based on Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7*

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.  
In Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches  
of his grace.

**Amen!**

# Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary;  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*(quick=living ; catholic= universal)*

# Song of Grace

*"Look There! The Christ!"*

**Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes,  
Resplendent from the cursed tree,  
And what he brings in his hurt hands  
Is life on life for you and me.**

**Joy! Joy!  
Joy to the world and all therein.  
Joy! Joy!  
Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, inside his pain,  
Looked down Golgotha's stony slope  
And let the blood flow from his flesh  
To fill the springs of living hope.**

**Joy! Joy!  
Joy to the world and all therein.  
Joy! Joy!  
Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died  
In darkest hurt upon the tree  
To offer us the worlds of light  
That live inside the Trinity.**

**Joy! Joy!  
Joy to the world and all therein.  
Joy! Joy!  
Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

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Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

*words John Bennett, 1920; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

## Prayer

# Offering of Gifts and Service



## Life as Worship

**DISCOVERING FSP.** May 28-29. Come learn more about our church and explore membership. Hickman's will host Friday night 6-9pm and Saturday morning 9am-12pm. Talk to Pat or email Carrie if you'd like to sign up ([carrie@fountainsquarepres.org](mailto:carrie@fountainsquarepres.org)).

**EASTER PRAYER GUIDE.** There are new prayer guides for the season of Easter. They are available on the Sinsabaughs' front porch (1306 Pleasant St), or digitally in the weekly email.

**YOUTH EVENTS.** All youth programming is announced via Redeemer's Daily Digest and their Sunday morning emails. Please check your inbox from this morning from Redeemer for information on upcoming events. Contact Caroline with questions ([caroline@redeemindy.org](mailto:caroline@redeemindy.org)).

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.** Men's Bible study meets Sunday evenings at 7pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 469 444 059; Password: 056649). They are currently doing Tim Keller's study - Living in a Pluralistic Society: Judges, Daniel & Joseph. Contact Grant Thomas for more information ([grantrileythomas@gmail.com](mailto:grantrileythomas@gmail.com)).

**COVID-19 RESPONSE.** Our mercy team has put together a curated list of ways to serve each other and our community during this season. You can view the list online at [[bit.ly/covid19-mercy](https://bit.ly/covid19-mercy)]. Contact the mercy team with questions ([mercy@fountainsquarepres.org](mailto:mercy@fountainsquarepres.org)).

**NEW HOPE COUNSELING.** Need an outlet to process everything? New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. They offer telecounseling via a secure provider on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. We all sense how disrupted life is right now. Need-based scholarships are available to Fountain Square Pres attenders. Email Intake Coordinator, Liz Escoffery at ([counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org](mailto:counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org)).

**ONLINE GIVING.** We can continue worshipping the Lord, entrusting back to him a portion of what He has provided by going online at [[fountainsquarepres.org](https://fountainsquarepres.org)] and clicking "Give" in the upper right hand corner. Email Carrie if you have any questions ([carrie@fountainsquarepres.org](mailto:carrie@fountainsquarepres.org)).

**NEED SOMETHING?** We all have needs and are in this together. We expect this season will press in uniquely upon all of us. If you need any kind of assistance to get through this season, please do not hesitate to email our mercy team ([mercy@fountainsquarepres.org](mailto:mercy@fountainsquarepres.org)).

# Scripture Reading

*1 Samuel 28 (selected verses)*

<sup>3</sup> Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land. <sup>4</sup> The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. <sup>5</sup> When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. <sup>6</sup> And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. <sup>7</sup> Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."

<sup>8</sup> So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you."

<sup>11</sup> Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me." <sup>12</sup> When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul."

<sup>15</sup> Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do." <sup>16</sup> And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? <sup>17</sup> The Lord has done to you as he spoke by me, for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. <sup>18</sup> Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day. <sup>19</sup> Moreover, the Lord will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The Lord will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines."

## Congregational Response

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

*Pat Hickman*

## Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Weekly Communion during the worship service is for any baptized follower of Jesus Christ who is not harboring secret sin and who is not in open, unresolved conflict with another member of the faith community.

Those receiving the sacrament, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Please go ahead and eat the bread and return to your seat with the cup (wine is in tinted cups, grape juice in the clear cups). We will all partake of the cup together. Young children who do not yet partake of the sacrament may be brought forward for prayer.

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief:**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Song of Communion

*"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.  
And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.  
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.  
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
Before the rising sun.**

**Our God, our help in ages past our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.  
And our eternal home.**

*Author: Isaac Watts (1719); Music: Matt Novak (2019)*

## Communion Response

*Leader*    We declare together the mystery of the faith.

*People*    **Christ has died. Christ has Risen. Christ will come again!**

# Closing Hymn

*"The Lord is my Joy"*

**The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,  
When all that I have is lost, I find  
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,  
When I am too weak to go on, I find  
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,  
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,  
When all I have faith in fails, I find  
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,  
Above all the joys of life, I find  
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.  
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

*(Women)*

**I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.  
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you.**

*(Repeat)*

*(Men)*

**And with his wings he covers me,  
He keeps his watch while I'm asleep,  
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.  
And with his wings he covers me,  
He keeps his watch while I'm asleep,  
I offer all my plans and dreams.**

*(All)*

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.  
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.  
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.  
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

*Nathan Partain, 2008*

# Benediction

## New-ish here?

Welcome! We're so glad you joined us today. We hope you'll stay connected with us during this season. Please go to [<https://bit.ly/fspres-connect>] to complete our connection card and stay in touch. We send out two emails weekly with information on upcoming events, encouragements, and resources. Glad you are here.

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# Cover Art

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*The art for Easter is inspired by John 1:5. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it." Easter is challenging for many of us. This past year has been like no other. Excited by the reminder that He is risen, I am filled with hope and wanted to create a piece that would bring light into our hearts this season.*

## Worship Space

We are grateful to St. Mark's Lutheran Church for being generous with us by allowing us to use this beautiful space. We recognize that we are physical beings and that our physical space has the opportunity to draw us into worship.

One of the beautiful things about sharing a building is the picture of the gospel that draws together the body of Christ, even when we come from different traditions. We recognize one of the differences that we have is our view of art that depicts God in a worship space. We affirm that art that depicts Jesus can be a beautiful attempt to imagine the incarnation. He was like us. At the same time we recognize that to see Him in art, particularly during prayer and worship, has the potential to limit our view of Him. Our art is always informed by our culture. Therefore we need to consider how the dominant culture informs both the creation and experience of art. This side of heaven, we will never be able to know exactly what Jesus looks like. Thus, we pray the images of Jesus in the sanctuary do not distract you during worship. We hope that whatever your ethnicity, you are able to enter this space and know that Jesus became one like us.