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ReFresh Worship  
Restoring Energy, Faith, & Relevance  
to Every Soul's Heart

April 4, 2021

**WELCOME to ReFresh at EMMANUEL**  
**(Restoring Energy, Faith and Relevance to Every Soul's Heart)**

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! The grace of God has brought us together to be light and leaven in and for the world. As a congregation, Emmanuel is committed to following the path of Jesus' spirituality, serving as an oasis of healing, and promoting unity and understanding among religious traditions. Our Food Pantry and Mission House reach out to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Rockford community. "There is a place...Emmanuel."

Welcome Visitors! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us. Emmanuel strives to live as a safe and healing community for all who come, regardless of economic conditions, race, sexual orientation, or Spiritual struggle. All are welcome in this holy space. We invite you to worship with us on Sundays for our ReFresh 10:30am Service either in person or on ZOOM. The Recorded Service will also be available on Facebook after the completion of the 10:30 Service.

**Welcome back to worship in Emmanuel's beautiful sanctuary. Everyone must still maintain 6 feet social distance between each person or family and you must wear a mask, covering your nose and mouth at all times except when taking communion. We still may not sing but we may enjoy the music provided to us by our very talented musicians. If you have any signs of illness, we request that you worship with us through ZOOM or Facebook until you are well. We all want to keep each other healthy.**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP Today**

Presider: Pastor Frank Langholz

Lector: Susan Goldberg

Coordinator of

Adult Music Ministry: Tim Fenelon

Musician/Accompanist: Clea Arbogast and  
Mark Calvert

Special Music: Dance- Maria Costello

Tim and Emily Austin and

Tom and Fran Wilson

Ushers: Jack Ream

Sound Consultant: Bill Houtkamp

Sound: Nolan Olson

Greeting Cards: Ann Downie

Altar Guild: Gary & Jan Peterson

**Sermon:** Pastor Frank Langholf

**Offering** We take this time now to offer our gifts and intentions.

**Special Music:** Super Easter Medley  
by Clea Arbogast

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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 trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever,  
Amen

**Communion Music:** One Bread, One Body and I am The Bread of Life  
Tim Fenelon and Clea Arbogast

**Prayers of the People**

**Sending Song:** All Creatures of Our God and King  
Clea Arbogast

**Benediction/Sharing of the Peace**

**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Theme: Easter—Resurrection**

**Prelude:** The Galilean Hillside  
Words and music by Tom Wilson  
Performed /recorded by Tim and Emily Austin and Tom and Fran Wilson

**Easter Greeting:** P: Christ is Risen C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Procession:** Holy City and All Glory Laud and Honor  
Organ by Mark Calvert

**Easter Dialogue:**

P: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.  
**C: Christ is risen indeed.**  
P: We run to see the tomb for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.  
**C: Christ is risen indeed.**  
P: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.  
**C: Christ is risen indeed.**

**Welcome:** Pastor Frank Langholf

**Meditation:** Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. —Martin Luther

**Anthem of Praise:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Clea Arbogast

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

**7**

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

**8**

he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

**9**

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Second Reading:** Psalm 118 (from Nan Merrill’s Psalms for Praying)

We give thanks to You, O Beloved,  
for you are kind;  
your steadfast Love endures forever!

You are my strength and my song:  
You are my Counselor and my Friend.  
Harken to songs of victory, to the music of my soul:  
“You, O Loving Presence, have been my strength,  
You have stood beside me in the darkness,  
You have walked with me into the light!”  
I shall not give in to fear,  
but I shall live in peace and give witness to your  
saving grace.

**Your steadfast Love endures forever!**

You turned your face from my weaknesses, and  
You opened the door leading to new life.  
Yes, You opened to me the gates of truth and justice  
that I might enter through them.  
Praise be to You, O Merciful One!  
**Your steadfast Love endures forever!**

This is the Door to Life;  
those who know Love shall enter through It.  
I give thanks to You, O Beloved, who answer our prayers  
and invite us to new Life.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the foundation of our lives.  
**Your steadfast Love endures forever!**

This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day which You have made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Gospel /Meditation Dance:** Maria Costello

**Gospel:** Mark 16: 1-8

**16** When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Presider: This is the witness of an early Christian Community.  
**All: May we find wisdom for our living.**