

Easter, April 24, 2011

Sunday • 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

A Moment to Feel God’s Presence

“The Power of the Cross” by Heather Headley

Call to Worship

Philippians 3:7-11

One: But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

All: Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.

One: That I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

All: That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Opening Song *

“Hallelujah”

Prayers of Gratitude

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory
To God be the glory for the things You have done.**

Invitation to Prayer

“Because He Lives”

Community/Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Preparatory Praise

“Celebrate Jesus”

Message

Rev. Phil Mathews
“While It Was Still Dark”

An Invitation

(* Please rise as you are able.)

Holy Communion

At Imani MCC, and at MCCs throughout the world, we serve an open communion. Everyone is welcome at the Table of God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices ...

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Consecration (Blessing of the Elements)

Invitation to the Table

Distribution of the Elements

We use a small wafer & grape juice.

Please respect those around you and engage in silent meditation.

-- Thank You --

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please let your server know at the time of communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Parting Song *

“Hosanna” by Kirk Franklin

Closing Blessing *

“We now go forth in faith with this intention:

- To **Worship** wherever we are
- By being **God’s Word** made flesh,
- Living the **Oneness** that we are,
- Celebrating **Wonder** everywhere,
- And bearing **Witness** through love.

And so it is. And so it shall be. Amen.”

“Hallelujah” by Troy Sneed (Opening Song)

There is a praise in my heart, And I’ve gotta get it out, If I try to contain it, It will just take over me, For all that You’ve done, And all that You are, You’re the Righteous One the Living God. So with my hands upraised I will lift my voice, And I will say...

Chorus: Hallelujah, Hallelujah to You Father

Hallelujah, Hallelujah to You Lord

Hallelujah, Hallelujah to You Father

Hallelujah to You Lord

For every stronghold You have broken, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
And yokes You’ve destroyed, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Especially for the promises given unto me.

So with my hands upraised I will lift my voice, And I will say...

Chorus

I will sing Hallelujah. I will sing Hallelujah!

“Because He Lives” (Invitation to Prayer)

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus

He came to love, heal, and forgive.

He lived and died to buy my pardon,

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, All fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,

And feel the pride and joy he gives.

But greater still the calm assurance,

This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I’ll cross the river,

I’ll fight life’s final war with pain.

And then as death gives way to victory,

I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He lives.

“Celebrate Jesus” (Preparatory Praise)

Celebrate Jesus celebrate, Celebrate Jesus celebrate,

Celebrate Jesus celebrate, Celebrate Jesus celebrate,

He is risen, He is risen, And He lives forevermore,

He is risen, He is risen,

Come on and celebrate, Come on and celebrate,

Come on and celebrate, the resurrection of our Lord

“Hosanna” by Kirk Franklin (Parting Song)

The angels bow down at the thought of You
 The darkness gives way to the light for You
 The price that you paid gives us life brand New
 Hosanna forever we worship You.

For you are the joy that my soul longs for
 The lamb that was slain for my sins and the One I adore
 King of kings, Ruler of everything
 Hosanna forever we worship You.

For your patience and kindness, And favor and mercy
 And honor and glory, Because you are worthy
 We can't live without You, We can't breathe without You
 We can't sing without You, Hosanna. Hosanna.

No greater love in this world but You
 No one can compare to the things You do
 Wherever You go I will follow You
 Hosanna forever we worship You
 Hosanna forever we worship You

Someday every tongue shall confess Your name
 This house made of clay soon shall pass away
 Whatever the test You will bring us through
 Hosanna forever we worship You.

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Let's remember to “keep first things first” this week!
*“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or
 ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’
 But seek first [God's] kingdom and [God's] righteousness, and
 all these things will be added to you.”*
 Matthew 6:31, 33 (NASB)

	Needed	Actual	Var. +/-
April 17, 2011 Offering:	\$1,636.58	\$2,160.00	\$523.42
Year to date:	\$26,185.22	\$31,174.11	\$4,988.89
	Offering	Yr to Date	Total Given
Building Fund Giving	\$150.00	\$1,880.00	\$158,521.93
Expenditures	\$58,707.08	Balance	\$96,586.16
Attendance: 23	Updated Weekly		

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
 the evidence of things not seen.” - Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)*

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday: 11:45am-12:45pm - Choir rehearsal
 - 304 E. Trinity Ave.
- Wednesday: 7:00pm-8:30pm - Bible Study
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- Thursday: 7:30pm-9:00pm - Bible Study – Hillsborough
 - 610 Red Fox Trail (Call Annette or Melissa - 643-2284)
- Thursday: 7:00pm-8:30pm – Healing Circle
 - 304 E. Trinity Ave.

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worship, word, oneness, wonder and witness.

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Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express God's irresistible love through

Imani MCC

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**WE WELCOME YOU TO IMANI MCC.
 YOU MAY BE NEW TO US, BUT
 YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD.**