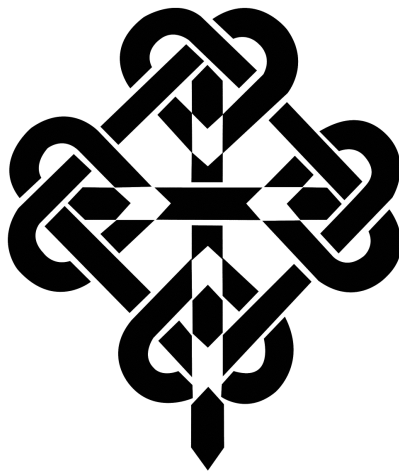


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



*The whole body joined and knit together...
building itself up in love.
— Ephesians 4:16 —*

AUGUST 1, 2021

Immanuel's Mission

*Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth
to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:*

Joyful worship centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word

Resolute fellowship in Christ made alive by the unifying love
of the Spirit among us

Transformative learning for all ages toward full maturity in Christ

Loving service to one another, the community and the world,
reflecting the servant heart of Jesus

Spirited mission to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel
in word and deed

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *We Shall Behold Him*
His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Hayes
arr. Schrader
BETH BAUER

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and their name.

All: We wish to be strengthened in our inner selves, that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

Leader: We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ, which surpasses understanding.

All: We come to worship and to praise the source of love and peace. Glory be to God in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

INVOCATION

(Please be seated after the Invocation)

SONG: *O Breath of God* (Sung by soloist)

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KENT RICHTER

O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace
And from our slumber make us rise,
That we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in you;
And give to us the Bread of Life,
That we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice,
That we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit make us one;
In holiness let us unite,
That we may know the risen Christ.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: God's Word assures us: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

All: And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Pastor: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Based on 1 John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without guilt and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

* 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 is seated on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty;

from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Another Communion Song*

KENT RICHTER

Across the land, beside a distant ocean,
Where Christian hearts in unknown tongues
familiar hungers pray,
They reach for bread in poor and plain devotion
And touch us here ten thousand miles away.
O Christ, the bread and wine!
A fellowship both human and divine
That stretches beyond our spatial frame
And makes us one to glorify Your name.

Across the room, where private anger lingers,
And tired, judgmental attitudes are solid as a wall,
The twice-torn bread in barely-brother's fingers
Reminds me God is Father of us all.
O Christ, the bread and wine!
A foretaste of a wedding feast divine
Where myriad millions lovingly proclaim
You made us one to glorify Your name.
God, make us one to glorify Your name.

Across an age, through dark, medieval histories,
Where peasant hearts in Latin verses wonder
what they say,
They humbly take the wild and common mysteries
And touch us here a thousand years away.
O Christ, the bread and wine!
A fellowship both human and divine
That stretches beyond our temporal frame
And makes us one to glorify Your name.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing,
then will be led to their children's worship space.)*

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

DIACONAL PRAYER

AMY TREIER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

* SONG: *He Will Hold Me Fast*



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast. —
Brought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



— He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so,



He will hold me fast.

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READER: JOY HUDSON

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 85*

- ¹ You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.
- ³ You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- ¹² The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
- ¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

(Continued)

¹³ It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: *Tandem Tensions of Truth (Part 1)*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining, as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Katherine Anderson will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Beth Bauer, Mary Hopper, Kent Richter, Jack Durbin
Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew

The Pentecost banners were created by Dottye Luttrell and Carol Wilhoit.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food pantry open**

NO YOUTH GROUP

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

Thursday

7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study** at Terra Vincent's home

COMING

Sunday, August 15

Bridal shower for Esther Smoak

Sunday, September 5

Bridal shower for Julianne van Wyk

(Gift registries for both brides can be found on theknot.com.
RSVP to Annette)

NOTES

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*

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*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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