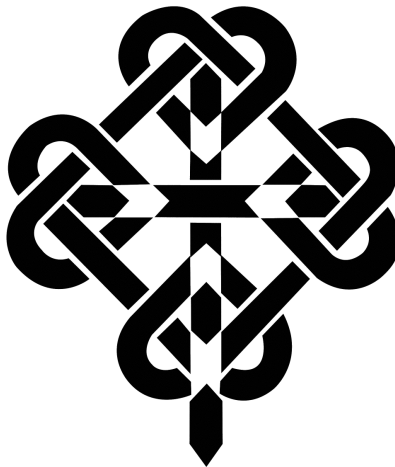


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 15, 2021

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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Ancient Irish Melody, arr. Dan Forrest
ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

All: And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

All: And, since he has given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.

* INVOCATION

HYMN: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (instrumental)*

SAMUEL REICH

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNIE ROSE

All: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.

Leader: People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

All: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, now and always. Amen.

* 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: *What Grace Is Mine*

SAMUEL REICH

What grace is mine
That He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night
To find my distant soul
And from His scars
Poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live, and in His name be known.

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine
To know His breath alive in me
Beneath His wings
My waking soul may soar
All fear can flee for death dark night is overcome
My Saviour lives and reigns forever more

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain a hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

* HYMN: *It Is Well with My Soul*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: THE SMOAK FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 30*

¹ I will exalt you, Lord,
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
² Lord my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me.
³ You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of
the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.

⁴ Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful
people;
praise his holy name.
⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶ When I felt secure, I said,
“I will never be shaken.”
⁷ Lord, when you favored me,
you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face,
I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, Lord, I called;
to the Lord I cried for mercy:
⁹ “What is gained if I am silenced,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;
Lord, be my help.”
¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed
me with joy,
¹² that my heart may sing your praises and
not be silent. Lord my God, I will
praise you forever.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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.

Ephesians 3:16-19

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Unexpected Renewal*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

♩ C F C Am Dm G C 7 Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

C F Dm G C F E 7 C F C Dm G C 7

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Samuel Reich
Samuel Reich is a Wheaton College Senior. He grew up in Paraguay and learned the Paraguayan harp as a young child. The instrument and style of playing is unique to that country.

Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

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

No Youth Group tonight

4:00 p.m. **Bridal shower for Esther Smoak** at Amber Johnson's home, 107 Sharon Court, North Aurora.

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, September 5

Bridal shower for Julianne van Wyk
Gift registry can be found on theknot.com

ELDERS

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

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*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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