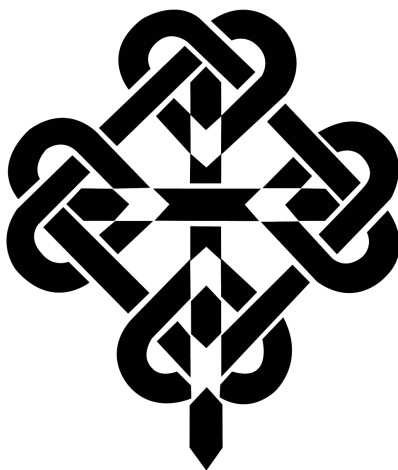


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 2, 2020

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

All: Together we will praise our Creator, who does all things well.

Pastor: His name is Mighty God; his works are a marvel to us.

All: Therefore let us recount his deeds with great joy. Praise the Lord.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation* (Verses 1, 2, and 6)

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D7 G F D/F# Em Am7 C

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

People: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in
my secret heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit
within me.

**People: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit
from me.**

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Take, O Take Me As I Am (sing once)*

Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —

The first system of musical notation is for the first part of the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —".

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —

The second system of musical notation is for the second part of the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —".

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name ascribe the glory, for your love protecting us is strong, and your constancy is everlasting. To the Lord be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

String Trio

Text: Julia Johnson

Music: Daniel Towner/John Zimmerman

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.
Grace, grace . . .

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide,
whiter than snow you may be today.
Grace, grace . . .

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

READERS: OSIELSKI FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 130*

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;
² Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
⁶ I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins. ^{NIV}

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Acts 17:16-23*

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." ²¹ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ^{NIV}

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Work before Our Words*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God* (Sung to the tune Dundee)

Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel.
For he alone doth wondrous works
In glory that excel.

And blessed be his glorious name
To all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill,
Amen, so let it be.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder [Dan Balzer](#), who will be glad to pray with you ([630-414-6604](tel:630-414-6604) or djbalzer@gmail.com).

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Grace and Marcus Mayell, David Sands, Anna, Bethany, and Oliver Abernethy.

Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Doug Reneker, Peter Welander.

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Today

9:30 a.m.

Worship online (Livestream)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group

Tuesday	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Combined Youth Group Game Night (Zoom)
Thursday	7:00 - 8:45 p.m.	Women's Bible study @ Terra Vincent's, 26W430 Natalie Ct., Carol Stream

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (immanpres@gmail.com).

Zoom Baby Shower! All Immanuel ladies are invited to participate in a Zoom shower for **Grace Mayell** on **Sunday afternoon, August 9, at 4 p.m.** (watch for a link closer to the event). Grace and Marcus are expecting a baby girl around Sept. 6. You can access her registry on Amazon Baby Registry (<https://smile.amazon.com/baby-reg/grace-mayell-september-2020-glenellyn/OI25O5PBQ56F>). You can have gifts shipped directly to the Mayells' home or drop them off at church for Mary Hopper to deliver to the Mayell home. We'll fellowship, share a devotional, and take a look at Grace's presents. Bring your own refreshments!

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,
Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson*

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