# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

Summer Sermon Series **Great Stories, a Greater Savior** 

# 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.

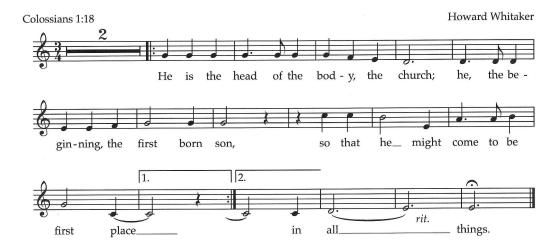
**Loving Fellowship**, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

**Life-changing Learning**, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## **PRELUDE**

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP



\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand.)

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: For the Lord is our refuge. His eye is upon us. His unfailing love enfolds us.

Pastor: Let us worship him together.

\* Invocation





Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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#### WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION GABY SOSA

Leader: The psalmist testifies:

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

Leader: But truly God has listened;

he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

People: Praise be to God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

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

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV from The Worship Sourcebook



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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If you repent and believe, you are reconciled to God in Christ and renewed in

the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

# \* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us, and frees us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power forever and ever. 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.)

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)

# WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHRIS AND RACHEL GILMORE

## \* Doxology

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

CARL PICKARD

All: 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.

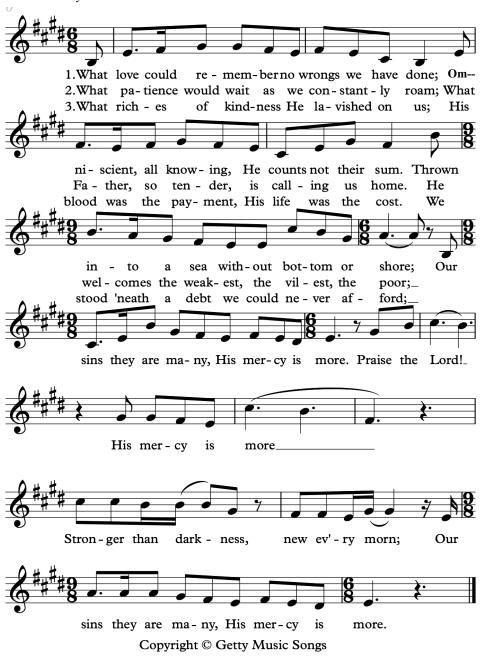
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

\* Song: His Mercy Is More



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#### WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: ANDREA AND MICHAEL KENDRICK

- \* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:7-24
  - <sup>7</sup> Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him (Elijah), <sup>9</sup> "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."
  - <sup>12</sup> And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."
  - <sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth."
  - <sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.
  - <sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!"
  - <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup> And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again."

<sup>22</sup> And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

# \* New Testament Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. NIV

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY OF THE WIDOW ZAREPHATH

TERRA VINCENT

SERMON: More than Enough

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: He Will Hold Me Fast

Matt Merker



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- \* Benediction
- \* Postlude

#### **TODAY**

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Kent Richter, Howard Whitaker, Vic Mala, Jack Durbin, Chris and Rachel Gilmore.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Gaby Sosa (gabydesosa10@gmail.com) will be available to pray with you near the platform after the service.

Noon Picnic (weather permitting)

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

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Youth Group** 

This Week

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Bible study @ Terra Vincent's** 

# In Immanuel and Beyond

Summer Art Series: We are building an art piece above the Communion table during the summer sermon series. Each week another work is added to illustrate the Bible reading for that week. Five Smooth Stones quilt (David LaPlaca), Tower of Babel photo collage (Howie Whitaker), The Ark in the Jordan painting (Samantha Durbin), One True King embroidery (Rachel Ehorn), Peniel calligraphy (Bev Burch), Sin Is Crouching at the Door charcoal (Luciana Balzer). Abraham Sacrifices Isaac digital collage (John Walford), The Ark in the Temple of Dagon painting (Annika Witte), The Call of Samuel graphic design (Sue Lundin), Everlasting painting (Anna Treier).

**FALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We are preparing to start up our fall children's ministries on Sunday, Sept 11. We are still in need of the following volunteers:

- Nursery Volunteers (once a month, Worship or SS hour)
- Sunday School Teachers and Assistants (serve every 2-3 weeks) \*STILL NEED: 2 more teachers for PreK-K, 1 more teacher for 3rd-5th Gr, several assistants for each grade

Please email or talk with Annika ASAP if you are able and willing to join our children's ministry team this year! Thank you! annikadurbin@gmail.com

#### **ELDERS**

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

#### **DEACONS**

Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

#### STAFF

George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life; Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music; Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton