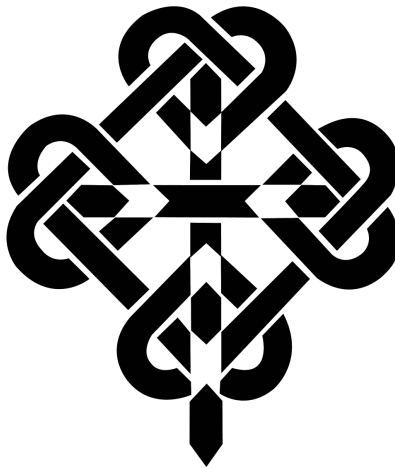


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 22, 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: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*
Oh, Sing to the Lord
Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim it!

arr. Mark Sedio
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William Kirkpatrick/John Carter
JOHN ZIMMERMAN

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us praise the Lord.

All: We give our thanks to God.

Pastor: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and all peace in believing,
that we may be overflowing with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* INVOCATION

OPENING SONG: *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*
(Sung by soloist.)

Farren/Thompson/Robinson
RACHEL GILMORE

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing.
For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

** Congregation stands.*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

GABY SOSA

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can heal and restore us.

All: We are not able to heal ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to forgive ourselves,

All: We are not able to restore ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to sanctify ourselves,

All: We are not able to satisfy ourselves.

Leader: We come to You, Lord, for You alone can make us whole.
Lord of light, enter our past, dispel the works of darkness,

All: Destroy the deeds of evil, defeat the thoughts of darkness.

Leader: Enter the recording room of our memories,

All: Enter the dark room of guilt and shame,

Leader: Enter the secret room of sins hidden or forgotten.

**All: Come, Lord of Light, and forgive.
Come, Lord of Love, and set us free.
Come and scatter our darkness.
Come, draw us closer to You.**

(adapted from "The Open Gate" by David Adam)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

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.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Gabriel, comp.
RACHEL GILMORE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* HYMN: *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

Unison C F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F^{dim} Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

Dm⁷ Gm Dm G F C

God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C F

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change - less, e -
 bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude

C F G C Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending

C C⁷ Am F C

Horatius Bonar, 1858
 Mod.

JERUSALEM (PARRY) L.M.D.
 C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916
 Arr. by Janet Wyatt, 1977

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: HAYDON FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 35:1-7*

¹ The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

* 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: *Rooted and Established in an Insecure World*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Mary Hopper, Rachel Gilmore

Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

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

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group Water Fun Extravaganza** for middle school and high school (6th grade welcome) Bring your swim suit and a towel! Families are invited from 6:00 - 7:00 for a family cookout and to enjoy the water slide.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Coming

Next Sunday, August 29 **Outdoor Worship**
 Sunday, September 5 **Bridal shower for Julianne van Wyk**

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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