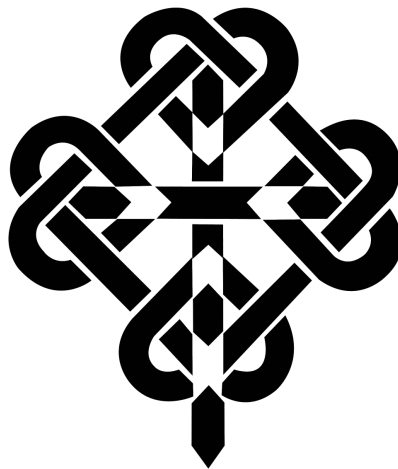


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

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

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MORNING WORSHIP
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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: Meditation on Adoro Te Devote

Fedak

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Colossians 1:18

Howard Whitaker

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He is the head of the bod - y, the church; he, the be -

gin-ning, the first born son, so that he_ might come to be

1. 2.

first place_____ in all_____ rit. things.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*)

Pastor: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;

All: Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice!

Pastor: Our hearts rejoice in God our Savior.

All: His mercy is sure, his name is holy. With full joy we now sing our Redeemer's praise!

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING HYMN: *Ten Thousand Reasons*



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing.____
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to ang - er.____
3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing.____



It's time to sing Your song____ a - gain.____ What-
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.____ For
The end draws near and my time has come.____



ev er may pass____ and what - ev er lies be - fore_ me,
all_ Yourgood-ness I will keep on____ sing - ing,
Still my_soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing,



let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing____ comes.
ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to____ find.
teb thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.



Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh,____ my soul.



Wor-ship His ho - ly name.____ Sing like nev - er be - fore,



oh, my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.____

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: Before our merciful Lord, we acknowledge our need for his pardon:
For sins in private and in public, in study and recreation,
in busy pursuits of our lives;

**All: In the study of his Word and in the neglect of it,
In prayer casually offered and coldly withheld,
In time misspent,**

Leader: For yielding to Satan's wiles,
For opening our hearts to his temptations,
For being unwatchful when we know he is near,
For quenching the Holy Spirit;

**All: For our sins against light and knowledge, against conscience and against
the Spirit's restraint, against the law of eternal love. We humbly
acknowledge our need to be pardoned for all our sin, known and unknown,
felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten.**

Adapted from The Valley of Vision edited by Arthur Bennet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because
through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin
and death. People of God, rest in this forgiveness and freedom that comes
through Christ alone.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Please stand.)*

Franz Schubert

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

* 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *What a Savior!*

Edwin T. Childs
GABRIEL WECKESSER

Man of Sorrows! what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
It is finished! was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high:
What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood:
What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing,
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we,
spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be?
What a Savior!

DIACONAL PRAYER

KATIE PICKARD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LAUREN MATHUES

* HYMN: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

HYMN 128

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MICHAEL DIETRICH AND LAURIE MCLEOD

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Samuel 4:1-11; 19-22*

¹ Now the Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Israelites camped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines at Aphek. ² The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield. ³ When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, "Why did the LORD bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the LORD's covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies."

⁴ So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they brought back the ark of the covenant of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim. And Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

⁵ When the ark of the LORD's covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook. ⁶ Hearing the uproar, the Philistines asked, "What's all this shouting in the Hebrew camp?"

When they learned that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp, ⁷ the Philistines were afraid. "A god has come into the camp," they said. "Oh no! Nothing like this has happened before. ⁸ We're doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. ⁹ Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men, and fight!"

¹⁰ So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent. The slaughter was very great; Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers. ¹¹ The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

¹⁹ His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant and near the time of delivery. When she heard the news that the ark of God had been captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she went into labor and gave birth, but was overcome by her labor pains. ²⁰ As she was dying, the women attending her said, "Don't despair; you have given birth to a son." But she did not respond or pay any attention.

²¹ She named the boy Ichabod, saying, "The Glory has departed from Israel"—because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband. ²² She said, "The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 1:24-27*

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

MEDITATION: *Christ's Forever Glory*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless other wise noted.)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Jesus Is Our King

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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: *Grand Choer in D*

Spence

Prayers during Communion

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Gabriel Weckesser, Mike Dietrich, Russ Adkins, Nathaniel Holman.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Dan Balzer (djbalzer@gmail.com) will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the service.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group (Game Night)

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).

Thanks to all who came out yesterday to help at the Back-to-School Carnival at Johnson Elementary School.

Giving update: Through July 31, giving to the General Fund was \$469,044, or 58% of our annual budget of \$808,600—and 5.3% ahead of our projection for mid-summer. Giving tends to slow down in the summer months, so we are grateful for your generous support so far in 2022 as we get back to more normal levels of activity (and expense).

NOTES

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Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

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