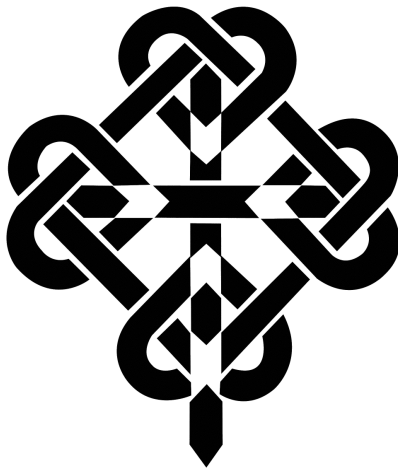


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 9, 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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

All: For he is our God and we are the sheep of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING HYMN: *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Verses 1-4)

F D G D G Em 7 D G D⁷ G D

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

G C F G/D D⁷ G 7

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
 Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

GABY SOSA

Leader: How can we be so blind, and yet see so acutely at the same time?

People: We are quick to note the dark acts of others, yet slow to recognize the evil in our own thoughts and the stains on our hands.

Leader: O, for eyes that will see and honor the good in others!

People: O, for hearts that loathe the blinding evil of indwelling sin!

Leader: Come, let us turn to the Fount of Mercy, whose love heals our blindness, and whose righteousness transforms our condemning hearts into instruments of peace.

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;

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The key signature has three flats, and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to the triune God.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THOMAS SMOAK

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Prayer of St. Francis*

Allen Pote
JOEL AND KARIN BUURSMA

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, Thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument
of Thy peace.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light,
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument
of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Amen.

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

READERS: *Paula Bouck, Andrew Wright*

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *John 4:1-42*

¹ Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Confronting Jesus (Part 1)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (Verses 1 and 2)*

Unison

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

Harmony

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -
 'neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na
 when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put his lov - ing
 keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ning

Unison

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

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RANDOLPH Irreg.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Alva Steffler (630-802-0207 or alvasteffler@yahoo.com).

Thanks to our musicians: Joel and Karin Buursma, Alethea Funck, Miles and Maddie Ehorn

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

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9:30 a.m.	Worship online (Livestream)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
4:00 p.m.	Zoom Baby shower for Grace Mayell (see newsletter for link)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Men's book group (Zoom)
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

Outdoor Service: Next Sunday, August 16, Immanuel's worship service with communion will be held outdoors and all are welcome. *Be sure to RSVP with the link you will find in the Tuesday IPC Update that will come in your email.*

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

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