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A SERMON SERIES ON ECCLESIASTES

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February 10, 2019

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children's Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we'll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

ADULT EDUCATION
January 6–February 10

How the Book of Job Does and Doesn’t Comfort Us Ministry House

Christians in Science: Conversations about Faith & Practice Sanctuary

Guest lecturer this Sunday: Larry Funck has taught chemistry at Wheaton College since 1969, retiring from full-time teaching in 2011. He and his wife, Alethea, have been members at Immanuel since 2017. Over the last two decades Larry has participated in an interdisciplinary course on scientific theories of origins, his focus being on the origin of life. In December, InterVarsity Press released a textbook inspired by this course, written by the five Wheaton faculty involved.

CLASSES BEGINNING NEXT WEEK (Feb. 17—Mar. 31)

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit Gary and Cathy Deddo

The Holy Spirit can seem like the mysterious member of the Trinity. Who is the Spirit? What is the Spirit’s relationship to the Father and Son? How does he fit in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ? What is the nature and character of his ministry? We will consider what Scripture teaches us about the Spirit, helping us to guard against misunderstanding and discover how his working is essential to the life and ministries of the church and to the coming perfection of creation.

Gary and Cathy have been members of Immanuel for about eighteen years now. Gary works for the Grace Communion International denomination as a teacher and speaker and serves as president of its online seminary. Cathy teaches the women's Bible studies here at Immanuel. They have three adult children and four grandsons.

Hollywood's Answers to Our Deep Questions John Schuurman

In this class, by using a lecture/discussion format and accompanied by film and television clips, we will seek understanding of Hollywood's powerful role as our culture's formative storyteller and "question asker". More than anything else we hope to remind ourselves of God's people's responsibilities as consumers of popular culture.

John Schuurman, a long-time consumer of pop culture, seeks ongoing service in God's kingdom as a minister, teacher, voice-actor, and avid observer of the ways of the world. John and Janet have been worshipping and participating at IPC since 2011.

Who We Seek to Be

Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:

- Joyful worship** centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word
- Resolute fellowship in Christ** made alive by the unifying love of the Spirit among us
- Transformative learning** for all ages toward full maturity in Christ
- Loving service** to one another, the community and the world, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus
- Spirited mission** to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* Mark Sedio, arr.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord* Cameroon song
Immanuel choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- Pastor: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!
- Pastor: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!
- Pastor: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!
- Pastor: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

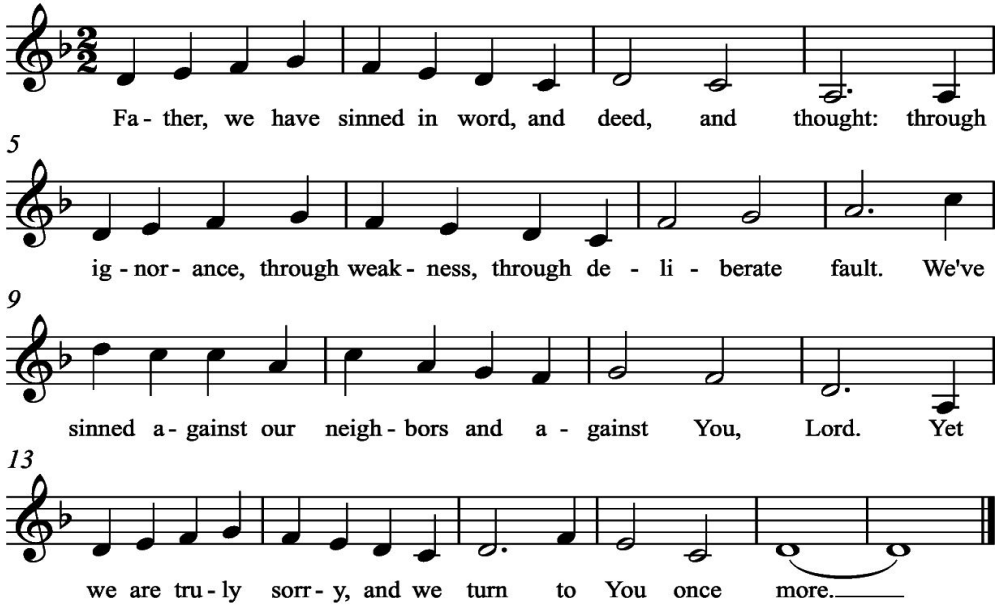
HAROLD MYRA

All: When we come into the holy presence of God,
our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand
in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.

Leader: People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask
our ever-present God to forgive us.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

SONG OF CONFESSION



Fa- ther, we have sinned in word, and deed, and thought: through

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ig - nor- ance, through weak- ness, through de - li - berate fault. We've

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sinned a - gainst our neigh - bors and a - gainst You, Lord. Yet

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we are tru - ly sorr - y, and we turn to You once more.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder [Phyllis Le Peau](#) is available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Immanuel choir

11:10 a.m.
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday school and Adult Education
Food Pantry open
Iglesia Roca Eterna
Youth Group

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:15 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study (*childcare*)
Food pantry open
Women’s Bible Study
Men’s Book Group (*Pastor’s study*)
Pioneer Clubs

Thursday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Children's Ministry: We need two additional nursery volunteers during SS hour, on a monthly rotation. Please speak to Rachel Ehorn (rachelehorn@gmail.com) or Annika Durbin (annikadurbin@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving in this way.

Save the date: VBS 2019 “Into the Wild” will be the week of June 24-28!

Membership Class: Talk with Annette if you are interested in learning about Immanuel and the EPC denomination on Saturday morning March 2. This class is a first step toward membership.

²⁷ “Look,” says the Teacher, “this is what I have discovered:
“Adding one thing to another to discover the scheme of things—
²⁸ while I was still searching
but not finding—
I found one upright man among a thousand,
but not one upright woman among them all.
²⁹ This only have I found:
God created mankind upright,
but they have gone in search of many schemes.” NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 5:12-15*

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin,
and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged
against anyone’s account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from
the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking
a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one
man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one
man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *When Wisdom Is Wistful*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

HYMN 706

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* ACCLAMATION

All: **To him whose sovereignty is never-ending and whose kingdom endures
through all generations, to the Most High, the Ever-Living One, be blessing
and honor and glory. 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* arr. Jody W. Lindh
IMMANUEL CHOIR

If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whatever betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days; Who trust in God's unchanging love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.	Sing, pray and keep his ways unswerving; In all thy labor faithful be. And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need, The soul that trusts in Him indeed
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Only be still and wait his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure,
And all discerning love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known,
To him who chose us for his own.



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be -
low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

HYMN 508

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: TIM AND DAWN CURLEY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 7:19-29*

¹⁹ Wisdom makes one wise person more powerful
than ten rulers in a city.

²⁰ Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous,
no one who does what is right and never sins.

²¹ Do not pay attention to every word people say,
or you may hear your servant cursing you—

²² for you know in your heart
that many times you yourself have cursed others.

²³ All this I tested by wisdom and I said,

“I am determined to be wise”—
but this was beyond me.

²⁴ Whatever exists is far off and most profound—
who can discover it?

²⁵ So I turned my mind to understand,
to investigate and to search out wisdom and the scheme of things
and to understand the stupidity of wickedness
and the madness of folly.

²⁶ I find more bitter than death
the woman who is a snare,
whose heart is a trap
and whose hands are chains.
The man who pleases God will escape her,
but the sinner she will ensnare.