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*George A. Garrison, **Senior Pastor**; Annette LaPlaca, **Minister of Congregational Life**;  
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*under the Sun  
under the SON*

A SERMON SERIES ON ECCLESIASTES

IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 24, 2019

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
(Feb. 17—Mar. 31)

**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.

**Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit**

Sanctuary

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 work 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**

Ministry House

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.*

**IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND**

**Membership class** meets in the pastor’s office (available by elevator or stairs) following the worship service today, March 3 and March 10. This class is a first step toward membership.

Join us for our **Ash Wednesday service** on March 6, at 7:00 p.m. During Lent we will host **Wednesday Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. followed by Lenten Vespers**. You will have a chance to sign up to attend week to week.

**Prime Timers’ This Is My Story** will meet on Saturday, March 9.

**ENCORE!** will meet on March 13 at 1:00 p.m. instead of March 6 - Ash Wednesday. The discussion will focus on Friendship. ENCORE! is a women's group for recently retired, retired or never retiring women. RSVP to [graceschwanda@gmail.com](mailto:graceschwanda@gmail.com).

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

**From the Finance Committee** – The giving goal for the operating budget in 2018 was \$722,040, and we gave \$728,326 during 2018, including \$139,967 in December. The operating budget for 2019 is \$750,634 or an increase of 4%. The giving goal for January 2019 was \$43,000 and we gave \$44,050 or just over 102% of the giving goal. Thank you for supporting our church’s ministries and operations.

**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: *The Power of the Cross* arr. Koerts

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *O Send Out Your Light* Callahan  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

**All: Together we will praise our Creator, who does all things well.**

Pastor: His name is Mighty God; his works are a marvel to us.

**All: Therefore let us recount his deeds with great joy.  
Praise the Lord.**

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* HYMN 310

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PHYLLIS LE PEAU

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

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

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

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

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

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *The Fear of Justice*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- \* CLOSING HYMN: *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* HYMN 311
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE: *In Christ Alone* arr. Koerts

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, Beth Bauer

- 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**  
(Membership class meets in Pastor’s office)

**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 Study** (*Pastor’s office*)

**Pioneer Clubs**
- Thursday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: Mel and Heather Reyes

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 8:10-15

<sup>10</sup>Then too, I saw the wicked buried—those who used to come and go from the holy place and receive praise in the city where they did this. This too is meaningless.

<sup>11</sup>When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people’s hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong. <sup>12</sup>Although a wicked person who commits a hundred crimes may live a long time, I know that it will go better with those who fear God, who are reverent before him. <sup>13</sup>Yet because the wicked do not fear God, it will not go well with them, and their days will not lengthen like a shadow.

<sup>14</sup>There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: the righteous who get what the wicked deserve, and the wicked who get what the righteous deserve. This too, I say, is meaningless. <sup>15</sup>So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

<sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” NIV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 1 John 1:8-9)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is true that “if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” But it is equally true, amazingly true, that “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION (Gloria Patri)

HYMN 735

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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: Offertory

John Ness Beck  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

He has shown you, O man,  
He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice and to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-

low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

CHILDREN’S BLESSING  
*(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your

2. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true hu

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your

Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and

mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes; in the

plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be

ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our

ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. and by grace we'll stand on Your

seen to day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.

prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all Your

Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the

pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.

truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

earth is filled with Your glo - ry.