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under the SON*

A SERMON SERIES ON ECCLESIASTES

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**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.

**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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AMBER JOHNSON

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

All: **And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.**

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

All: **And since he has given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.**

\* INVOCATION

January 6–February 10 (5 weeks)

1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make  
2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His  
3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No

5  
known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re -  
pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To  
oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He

9  
mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He  
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that  
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We

13  
lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh  
all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise.  
la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.

17  
sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the

21  
earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry. (2. Lift)  
(3. Lift)

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

Job offers a unique perspective on suffering, confusion, and those parts of a relationship with God we often leave unspoken. We suffer, and we lose those we love. This book will make for a provocative study of humanity and what happens when we have not answers, but only questions.

*Ron Haydon is an instructor in Old Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Julie and nine-year-old son named Graham have been attending Immanuel for nearly ten years.*

*Andy Le Peau is a founding elder of Immanuel and was for many years the editorial director at InterVarsity Press. He still writes and edits, most recently publishing Mark Through Old Testament Eyes. But he is best known as Phyllis's trophy husband.*

**Christians in Science: Conversations about Faith and Practice** Sanctuary

Curious about science and Christianity? Join us for a wide-ranging conversation about science, the Bible, and faithfulness. Whether we are practitioners or merely consumers, science and the products of science permeate all of our lives. In this topical series, we invite Christians working professionally in the sciences to share about their faith, their work, and how it all connects. As we go, we'll tackle important controversial issues but also consider how science impacts us and affects our ability to know, love, and serve Jesus. Bring your questions! There will be time for Q&A with the speakers each week.

*Becky Eggimann is an associate professor of chemistry at Wheaton College and also serves as department chair. She teaches biochemistry (the way our bodies turn food into energy and new molecules that enable us to live) and uses computer simulations to study how water behaves at interfaces (the very thin line between liquid water and air, as one example). She's been at Immanuel since 2015 and has long had an interest in the connections between Christianity and chemistry.*

**Today:** Nate Thom is an Associate Professor of Biology at Wheaton College. Dr. Thom studies ways to promote an adaptive response to stress. He began this work in graduate school at the University of Georgia by evaluating the effects of exercise on brain function and behavioral outcomes, extended this research to cognitive training programs like mindfulness during his post-doc with the Navy, and is now applying this research to missionaries at Wheaton College. Dr. Thom lives in Wheaton with his wife Sarah and four young boys, and enjoys spending as much time outdoors as he possibly can. He'll be talking on "Stress, Suffering, and Flourishing: Preparing Missionaries for the Challenges Ahead."

## SCOTS' FORM OF COMMUNION

The early Scottish Presbyterians felt strongly that their manner of celebrating the Lord's Supper should clearly symbolize the truth that the Risen Christ is host to his redeemed people at this covenant meal. Samuel Rutherford wrote that "they should sit, as banqueters, at one table with our King, and eat and drink." Abraham Kuyper expressed his opinion that the Lord's Supper should be eaten from a table, saying, "Jesus spreads a feast for his friends and as a King invites his people to his table."

We use this form largely for the same reasons expressed by our Presbyterian predecessors and also have discovered reasons in our own experience to value this observance of the Sacrament. The form demands a little more from us than the tradition of being served at our places in the congregation. As we overcome our nervousness about going forward we find that the very act impresses upon us the reality of our personal response to our Lord's invitation to receive his grace. Sitting with others at his table, singing and watching others go forward impresses upon us the reality of our fellowship and the joy of seeing others meet our Lord in his love.

NOTICE TO FAMILIES: In accord with our practice of the Lord's Supper, children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ to the elders are asked to refrain from partaking in communion. We desire that such children look forward gladly to the day when they take their first communion as a significant step in their spiritual growth. In the meantime, we want to provide ways they may grow to understand the meaning of the sacrament and also feel that though young, they are significant persons in the covenant family of God. So we invite those children to come forward to the Table and be seated with their parents. The elder who serves the elements to the parents will briefly offer prayer for the child. So that the elders may know which children to pray for in this way, we suggest that the children not taking communion *fold their hands on the Table*. We hope this custom will encourage parents as they help their children grow in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" and prepare for the time when they are ready to profess Christ and take communion.

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

- Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
- Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- People: But who can detect their errors: Clear me from hidden faults.**
- Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- Leader: The promise of God is greater than our sinfulness: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, rest in this good news—in Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Amen.

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* Franz Schubert  
(*Music can be found on p. 20 of communion booklet.*)

- 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: *A Time for Everything*

*Mark Hayes*  
SARAH HOLMAN

There is a time for everything,  
A season for everything under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die,  
A time to plant and a time to harvest,  
A time to kill and a time to heal,  
A time to destroy and a time to rebuild,  
A time to weep and a time to laugh,  
A time to grieve and a time to dance,  
A time to scatter stones and a time  
to gather stones,

A time to embrace and a time to turn away,  
A time to search and a time to lose,  
A time to keep and a time to throw away,  
A time to tear and a time to mend,  
A time to be silent and a time to speak,  
A time to love and a time to hate,  
A time for war and a time for peace.

There is a time for everything under heaven.

DIACONAL PRAYER

TRUDY ZIMMERMAN

**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](mailto:rachelehorn@gmail.com)) or Annika Durbin ([annikadurbin@gmail.com](mailto:annikadurbin@gmail.com)) if you are interested in serving in this way.

**Membership class:** If you are interested in an informational first step toward membership, consider joining in a "turbo" class on Saturday morning, Mach 2, with childcare provided, talk with Annette.

**ENCORE!** Wednesday, February 6, from 1:00 p.m.- 2:30pm. We are a women's group who are mostly thinking about retiring sometime or retired now and we discuss what it means to be women of faith. Please join us in the Gathering Space as we discuss KINDNESS. If you are able, bring a quote, a Bible story, a personal story or some idea about kindness you may have (or bring a deliberate act of kindness for the whole group) Questions: call Grace Schwanda 630-871-2941(home).

TODAY

On Communion Sundays we receive a **Deacons’ Fund offering** for meeting needs in our church and community. If you are writing a check, write “Deacons’ Fund” on the memo line. It is not necessary to put your check into a Deacons’ Fund envelope.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder **Dan Balzer** is available at the front following the service.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Katrina DiCrasto, Immanuel band, Sarah Holman

**International Café:** Plan to stay after the education hour this morning for a quick lunch, Kenyan-style, and a report from the five Immaneul women who worked with the Zagamis last fall, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

11:10 a.m.	<b>Sunday school and Adult Education</b>
12:15 p.m.	<b>International Café with Clarkston Five</b>
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry open</b>
2:00 p.m.	<b>Iglesia Roca Eterna</b>
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>College Fellowship</b> group meets at the Bretsens’ home, 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton. RSVP to Cindy (630-510-2795).
5:30 p. m. - end of game	<b>Youth Group Super Bowl Party at MH</b>

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b> ( <i>childcare</i> ) <i>upstairs</i>
	11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Food pantry open</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
	7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	<b>Pioneer Clubs</b>
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	<b>Mom Talk</b> ( <i>childcare</i> )
	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Encore meeting</b>
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry open</b>

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

I will hide your word in side my heart so that  
Come and pour your grace in-to my heart so that  
it may guide me. Like a shin-ing light\_ let it  
it may fill me with the pre-cious things that your  
burn so bright; I will fol - low you.  
Spir - it brings; I will live in you.

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: JUDY BRYSON, MICHAEL OSIELSKI

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 7:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> Consider what God has done:  
Who can straighten  
what he has made crooked?  
<sup>14</sup> When times are good, be happy;  
but when times are bad, consider this:  
God has made the one  
as well as the other.  
Therefore, no one can discover  
anything about their future.  
<sup>15</sup> In this meaningless life of mine I have seen both of these:  
the righteous perishing in their righteousness,  
and the wicked living long in their wickedness.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be overrighteous,  
neither be overwise—  
why destroy yourself?  
<sup>17</sup> Do not be overwicked,  
and do not be a fool—  
why die before your time?  
<sup>18</sup> It is good to grasp the one  
and not let go of the other.  
Whoever fears God will avoid all extremes. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 5:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

\* HYMN: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

HYMN 338

\* MEDITATION: *The Crooked Path Straight to God*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please **approach the tables from the center aisles**, and we ask that you **return to your seats on the outside aisles**.

If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated.  
Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.

If you would like to be seated at the lower tables,  
just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.

*Gluten-free bread is available at the table in the balcony.*  
Please feel free to partake of the elements as you feel led.

During Communion, **Ken and Sharon Wolgemuth** will be available on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.

(Times of singing and silence.)

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

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WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

HYMN 460  
(first and last verses)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE