## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP





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

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# WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand.)

Pastor: Come, let us worship our God,

All: Who brings us salvation,

Pastor: Who supplies us strength,

- All: Who hears our songs of gratitude,
- Pastor: Who accepts our joyful praise.

# All: His greatness astounds us; let us praise the Lord and sing for joy!

- \* INVOCATION
- \* OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name HYMN 296

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

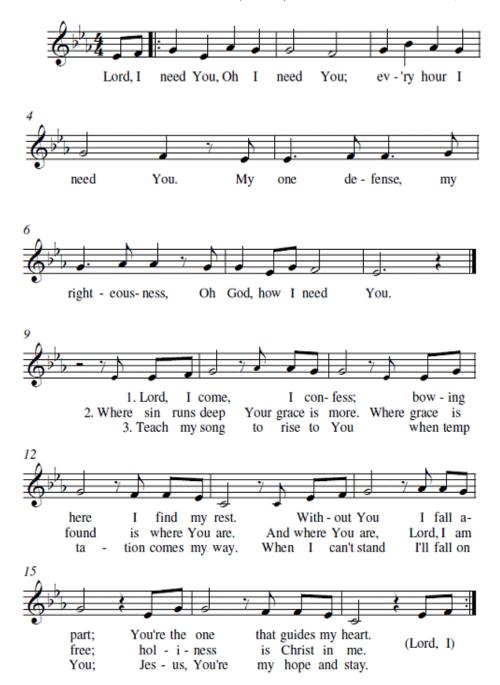
Leader: How can we be so blind, and yet see so acutely at the same time?

- 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.

\* Congregation stands.

ANNETTE LAPLACA

CARL PICKARD



### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1:21-22)

- Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.
- \* ACCLAMATION (Please stand)
  - All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name ascribe the glory, for your love protecting us is strong, and your constancy is everlasting. To the Lord be glory, forever and ever. 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: Who You Say We Are

Steven Curtis Chapman ERIC DURBIN

Oh, how great is the love The Father has lavished on us That we should be called the children of God. Oh, how great was the cost The Father was willing to pay So we could be called the children of God.

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You.

We are Your sons, we are Your daughters. Hallelujah, we are who You say we are. So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father. Hallelujah, we are who You say we are.

Oh how great is Your amazing grace That took us as orphans and slaves And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name. There's nothing more that we could ever do. You finished it all on the cross And rose from the grave and brought us with You.

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You.

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#### HOWARD WHITAKER

### \* DOXOLOGY

All:



CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

All:Our Father, who art in heaven,<br/>hallowed be thy name.<br/>Thy kingdom come,<br/>Thy will be done,<br/>on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread.<br/>And forgive us our debts,<br/>as we forgive our debtors.<br/>And lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.<br/>For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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### WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

## **Readers: Faith and Eric Witte**

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup> "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." <sup>5</sup> This is what God the Lord says the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being

I announce them to you."

\* New Testament Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death-

even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NIV

# \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: The Power of Humility

#### WE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand



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- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

# TODAY

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Eric Durbin, Russ Adkins, Andrew Howe, Zak Reynolds, Nathaniel Holman, Graham Haydon, and Immanuel orchestra

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, Gaby Sosa will be available near the platform.

	1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 5:00 - 7:00 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open College Fellowship (502 Indiana St, Wheaton) Contact Cindy at 630-386-1534. Youth Group
This Week		
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (childcare) Food Pantry open Women's Bible Study Men's book Group
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Mom Talk (childcare)

## In Immanuel and Beyond

- **Blood drive:** There is a critical need for blood. Immanuel will have a mobile unit in the parking lot on February 2, from 2-6 p.m. See the IPC newsletter for link to sign up.
- February 5 Annual Meeting (During education hour)
- February 10-12 Youth Group Winter Retreat
- Save the Date! **VBS June 26-30**

#### **ELDERS**

Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

#### DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

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