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Dan Balzer, Sarah Holman, Phyllis Le Peau, Lew Luttrell (Clerk of Session),
Carl Pickard, Leon Sinclair, Alva Steffler, Jack Swanson, Ken Wolgemuth

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Judy Bryson, Tim Curley, Colin Holman, Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Jim Mann, Harv Meyers,
Jeanette Myra, Dee Netzel, Trudy Zimmerman (Chair)

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Alva Steffler, **Minister of Congregational Care**; *Mary Hopper,* **Minister of Music**;
Annika Durbin, **Children's Minister***; Anna and Scott Scheidt,* **Ministers to Youth**;
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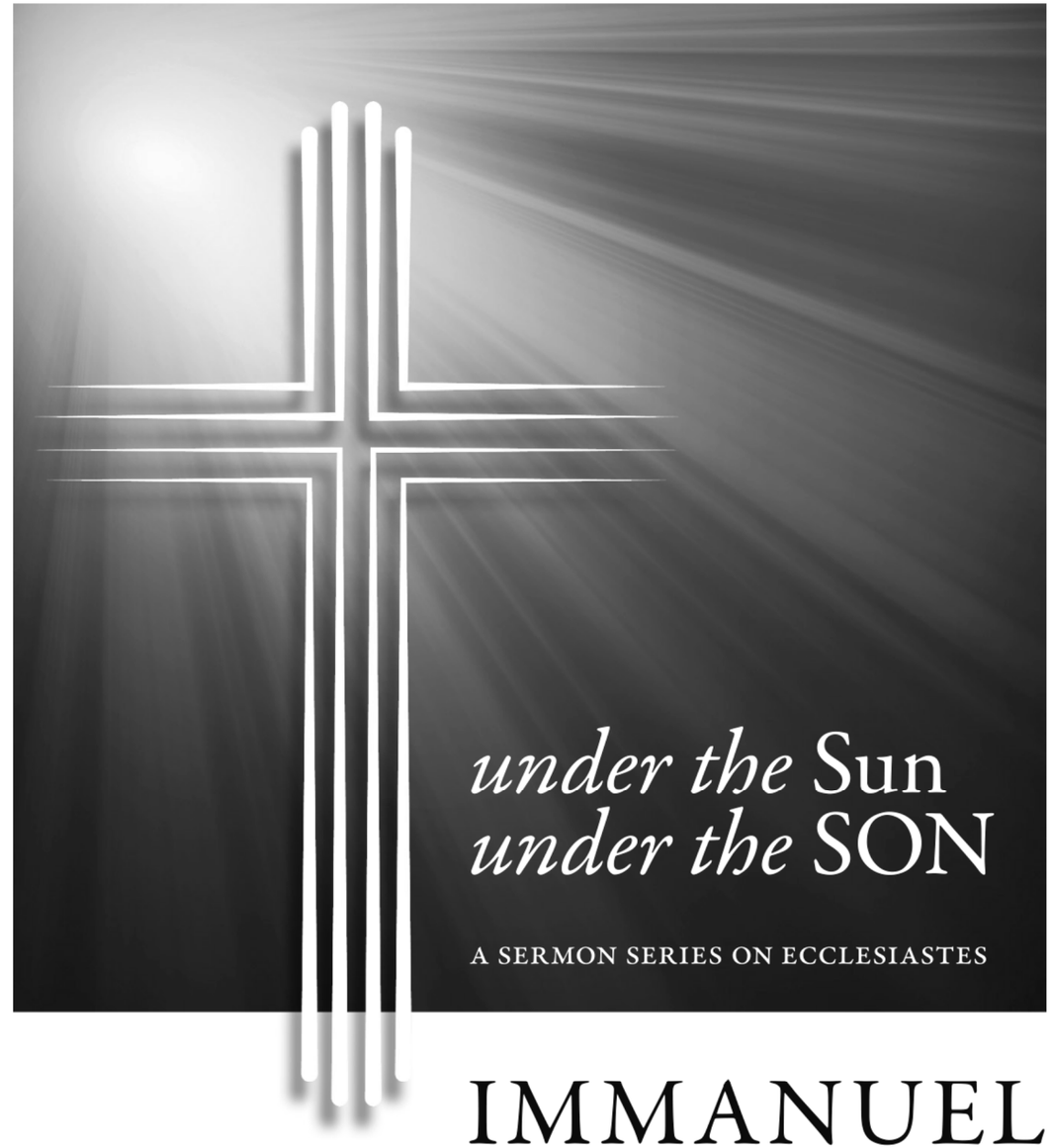

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IMMANUEL
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January 20, 2019

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope you will find a warm welcome and 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.

Candidates for Deacon

Phebe Balzer and her family have attended IPC since 1993, though they were overseas for a three-year stint. Her family includes her husband, Dan, and two daughters, Serena (college) and Luciana (high school). Phebe feels extremely grateful for and profoundly blessed by our IPC church family. She has enjoyed participating in various aspects of our church life. These include being a greeter in the Children and Worship program, paying the bills and keeping books for the finance committee, regularly attending the Tuesday women's Bible study, and doing a weekly food rescue pickup for our Neighborhood Food pantry. She has been a part of a very small group where she values connecting meaningfully and reflecting on faith issues. She and Dan recently joined a small group as a couple and look forward to connecting meaningfully together. Phebe has also enjoyed learning and connecting with her community of West Chicago by being a school board member and by being in a community book club.

Heather Reyes has been attending Immanuel since Rose DeBoer first brought her in late 2000, and in nearly twenty years she has served in multiple capacities including youth group help, nursery service and coordination, Sunday School instruction ranging from preschool through junior high, various VBS roles, Nominating Committee, and lots of flute playing. She and her husband, Mel, were married at IPC in 2008 and live in Aurora with their daughters Olivia (7) and Astrid (5) and rescued lab mix Atari Biscuit (2). Heather is an adjunct mathematics professor at Aurora University and in her free time loves to cook and bake, run and take exercise classes at the YMCA, and take her girls on various adventures. As a deacon, she looks forward to coming along fellow members walking through difficult times in both prayerful and practical ways, giving back to the community that has given so much to her and her family.

Our annual business meeting will be held next Sunday, January 27, immediately after our worship service. Members and non-members are welcome to attend, but only members may vote. At that meeting, some church officers will be elected.

Candidates for Elder

Katherine Anderson and her husband, Doug, were married by Pastor Bob Harvey and appreciate the way the people of Immanuel have been a second family for their four children: Wyatt (21), Sam (19), Bella (17), and Marion (10). In addition to serving a partial term as Elder, over the years Katherine has served as a children's Sunday school teacher and as coordinator, as a volunteer for VBS, the food pantry, and the nursery, and as a member of the nominating and social committees. A freelance writer and editor, Katherine is a pilgrim in progress with a passion for youth and children's ministries, who looks forward to growing alongside you all in wisdom and discipleship.

Steve Westfall and his wife, Janet, joined Immanuel in 2015, but they have had a long acquaintance with Immanuel from worshiping here many times with Janet's late mother, Mary Leksa. Steve was raised in a Christian home, grew up in the Methodist Church in Texas, committed his life to Christ during high school, and was involved with Campus Crusade and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship during college. He attended Dallas Theological Seminary, receiving a Th.M. degree in Old Testament and Hebrew, followed by additional graduate study in that area at the University of Chicago, where he later earned an MBA in finance. While in school he worked with youth programs in several churches, had a preaching ministry at a retirement community, and gravitated toward Reformed theology. During the next three decades Steve worked in Information Technology, while staying active in parishes of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of North America, where he sang in the choir, coordinated adult education and taught many classes, was a representative to diocesan conventions, and served on the vestry. He also served as a Scoutmaster and in other leadership positions in Scouting for many years. At Immanuel, Steve and Janet sing in the choir, and Steve taught a class on the Book of Psalms. Steve and Janet have one son, who just completed a Ph.D. in New Testament, and two grandchildren.

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: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Pastor: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

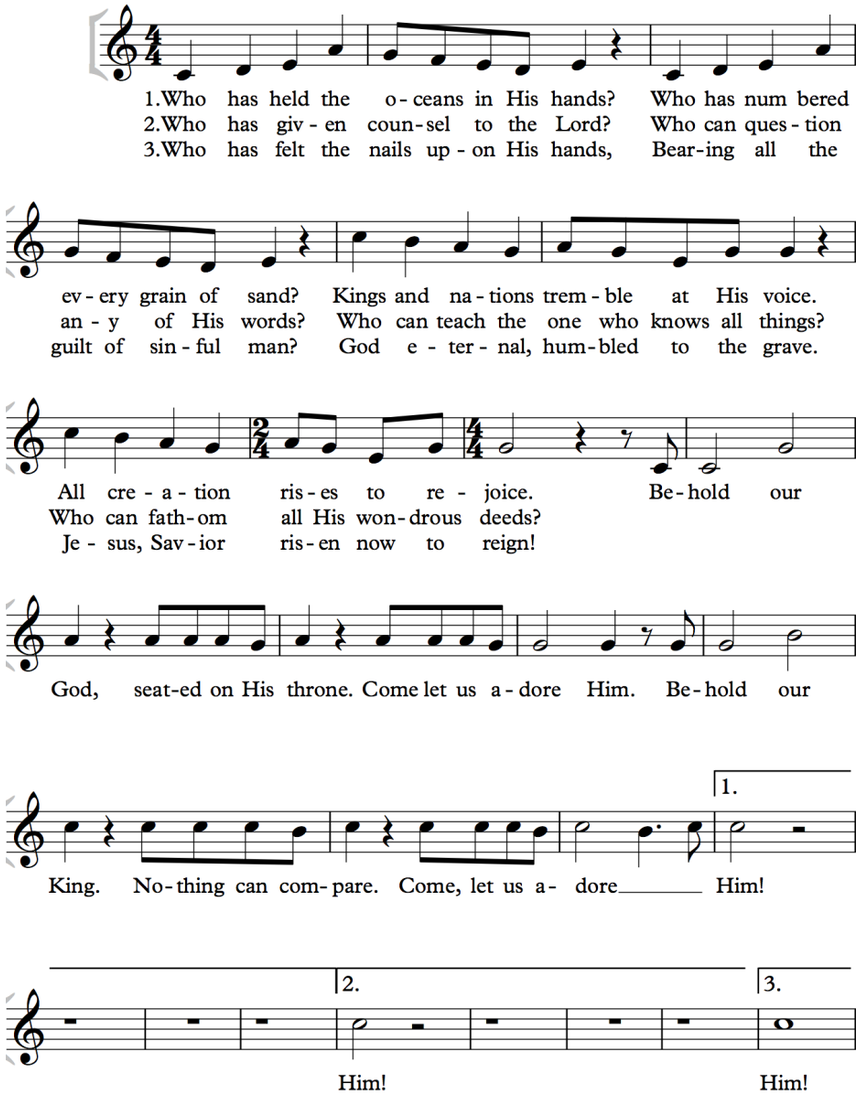
All: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth. Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING SONG: *Behold Our God* Baird/Altrogge



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ADULT EDUCATION

January 6–February 10 *(5 weeks)*

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.

This week: *Heather Whitney* is associate professor of physics at Wheaton College, specializing in medical physics (how the interaction of energy and the body can be used for medical diagnosis and treatment). Her current research is in radiomics (extracting quantitative information from medical images and understanding how imaging information can act as biomarkers for disease diagnosis and prognosis). Heather is working to improve the teaching of physics and to incorporate emerging technologies in the classroom. She's particularly interested in teaching the physics of sound, drawing on her bachelor degree in physics and performing and visual arts from King College (Bristol, TN). She holds masters and PhD degrees from Vanderbilt University. Heather and Joshua, also a physicist, and their sons, Maxwell and Alexander, have attended Immanuel since 2016.

In Immanuel and Beyond

This Is My Story: Prime Timers' event coming next Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up today.

From the Finance Committee – The giving goal for December was $153,040. The actual giving in December was $139,967 or 91% of the giving goal. Giving in all of 2018 for the operating budget was $728,326, just under 101% of the giving goal of $722,040. Thank you for your very generous giving for our church's ministries and operations.

Children's Ministry need: We are in need of 2 additional nursery volunteers during the SS hour, working on a monthly rotation. Please speak to Rachel Ehorn (rachelehorn@gmail.com) or Annika Durbin (annikadurbin@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving our families in this way.

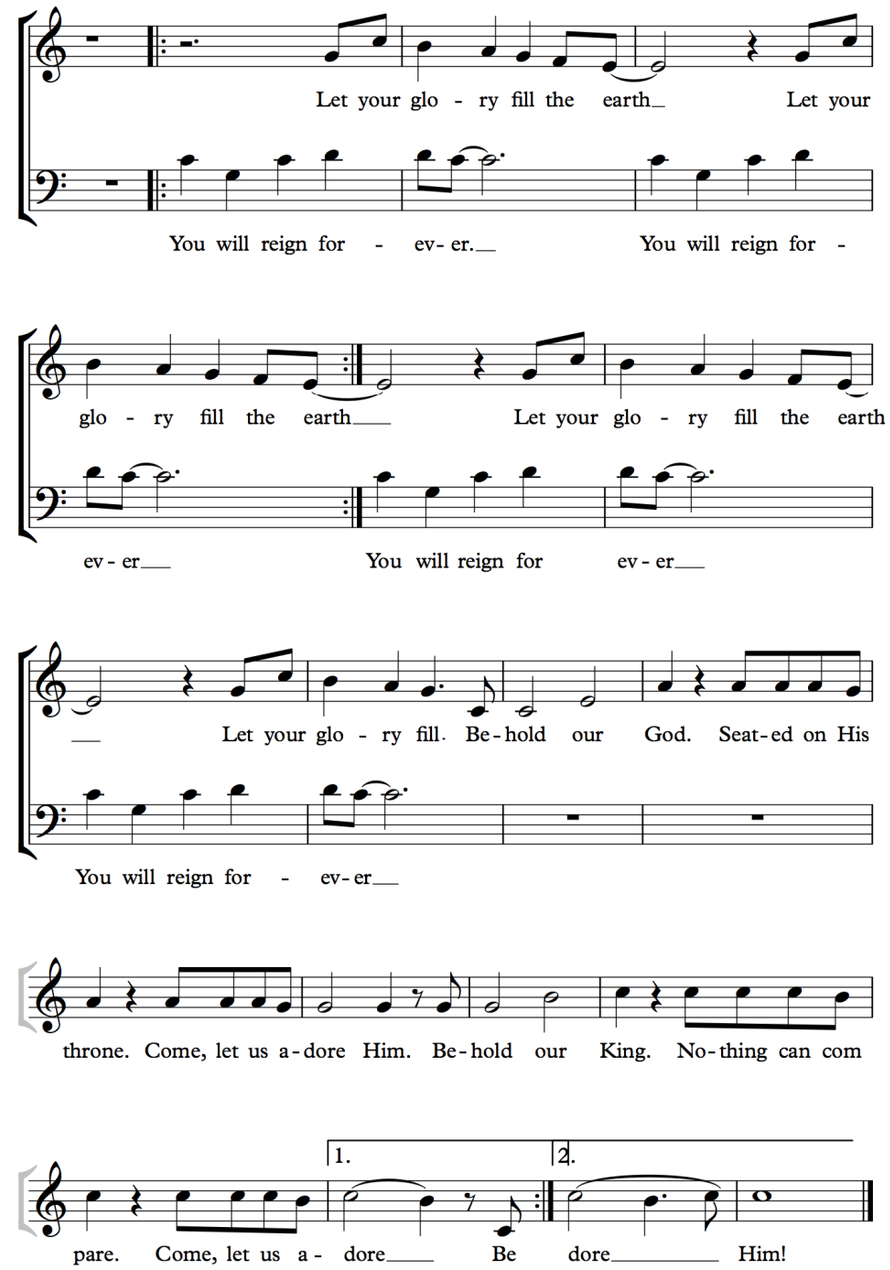
Unity Potluck: In observation of the National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, attenders from all the churches in Warrenville are invited to potluck in Immanuel's lower level on Thursday, January 24, at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share and get to know some of our neighbors here in Warrenville.

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 27 (after worship). An agenda is available on the table in the Gathering Place.

Service of Remembrance: On Sunday evening, Jan. 27th, at 6:00 p.m. we will remember all those dear to us who have passed away in recent years. This evening of worship will include a time of sharing, as well as ways to acknowledge the challenges individually and collectively that the holidays have presented in light of our loved ones' absences.

There will be a time for refreshments after this service of remembrance. *If you would like to make a treat that was a favorite of your loved one who has passed away, let Annette know what you will bring. There will be cards available to indicate the treats and the person whose memory they recall.*

Encore!: Feb. 6



WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION — LEW LUTTRELL

Leader: Before our Merciful Lord, we acknowledge our need for his pardon: For sins in private and in public, in study and recreation, in busy pursuits of our lives;

All: In the study of his Word and in the neglect of it, In prayer casually offered and coldly withheld, In time misspent,

Leader: For yielding to Satan's wiles, For opening our hearts to his temptations, For being unwatchful when we know he is near, For quenching the Holy Spirit;

All: For our sins against light and knowledge, against conscience and against the Spirit's restraint, against the law of eternal love. We humbly acknowledge our need to be pardoned for all our sin, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision* edited by Arthur Bennet

TODAY

We are pleased to welcome Chicago church planter Jeffrey Lancaster to our pulpit this morning. Jeff and his wife, Cathy, will soon be moving to Chicago to begin laying the groundwork for an inner city work. Jeffrey has extensive church planting experience, both in launching churches (in Memphis and New Orleans), as well as in playing key roles in church planting networks in several different areas. We are thrilled as a church and a presbytery that God has called Jeffrey and Cathy to this important work. Please refer to their website at: chicago720vision.com for more information.

If you are in need of prayer, elder Alva Steffler will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Katrina DiCrasto, Russ Adkins, Jeff Sands, Immanuel orchestra.

Be sure to visit our Bake Sale before heading off to your class. Monthly bake sales help support our Youth Mission Fund.

	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	**Food pantry open**
	2:00 p.m.	**Iglesia Roca Eterna**
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	**Youth Group** (Ministry House)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	**Women's Bible Study** *(childcare)*
	11:00 - 1:00 p.m.	**Food Pantry**
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	**Pioneer Clubs**
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	**Women's Bible Study**
Wednesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	**Mom Talk (childcare)**
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	**Food Pantry**
	7:00 p.m.	**Unity Pot Luck dinner** (lower level)
	7:00 p.m.	**Men's Book Study** (Pastor's office)
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - noon	**Prime Timers** "This Is My Story" (*Sign up today)*

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the
disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace
be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had
said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you
forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it
is withheld."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written
in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. ESV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

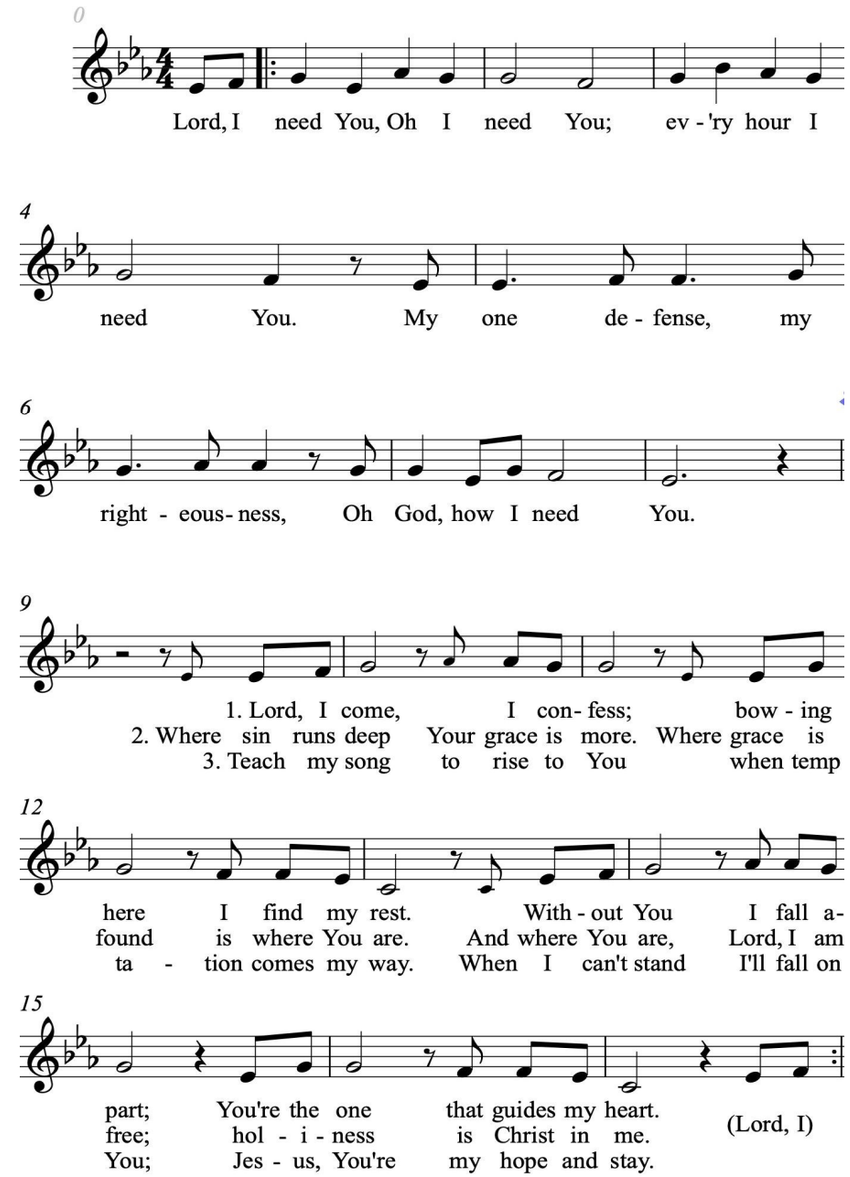
SERMON: *The Church: A Worshipping Community Sharing in Christ's Mission to Make All Things New* — JEFFREY LANCASTER

* CLOSING HYMN: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* — HYMN 535

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Lord, I Need You (verse 2)* — Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Colossians 1:21-22)*

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. 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: *How Great Thou Art* RUSS ADKINS

* DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all people here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING
(Children age 3 to 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN: *Spirit of the Living God* HYMN 726

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MAGGIE AND CHRISTIAN ROTHROCK

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

John 1:1-9, 14

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
[2] He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8] He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. [9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ESV

John 20:11-23, 30-31

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. [12] And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. [13] They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." [14] Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15] Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
[16] Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). [17] Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

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