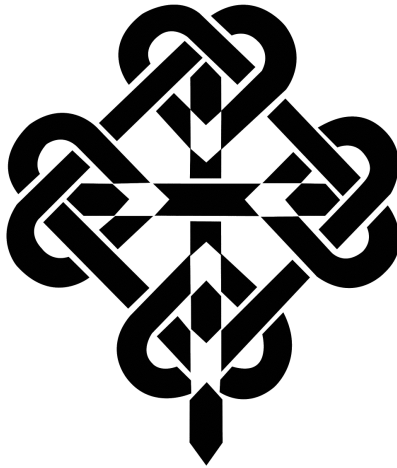


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

Summer Sermon Series
Great Stories, a Greater Savior

JULY 3., 2022

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

MARY HOPPER

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Colossians 1:18

Howard Whitaker

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He is the head of the bod - y, the church; he, the be -

gin-ning, the first born son, so that he_ might come to be

1. first place _____ 2. in all _____ rit. things.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature of 3/4. The first measure is a whole rest, followed by a double bar line with repeat dots. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes first and second endings, with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking at the end.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant. Since he has died for our sins, those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance promised them.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Pastor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; with Christ he will surely give us all things that we may glorify him. Praise the Lord.

* INVOCATION

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has num b ered
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, Bear - ing all the

ev - ery grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
an - y of His words? Who can teach the one who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave.

All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our
Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior ris - en now to reign!

God, seat - ed on His throne. Come let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our

King. No - thing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

Him! Let your glo - ry fill the earth

You will reign for - ev - er.

Let your glo - ry fill the earth Let your

You will reign for - ev - er You will reign for

glo - ry fill the earth— Let your glo - ry fill Be - hold our
 ev - er— You will reign for - ev - er—
 God. Seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our
 King. No - thing can com pare. Come, let us a - dore— Him!

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can heal and restore us.

All: We are not able to heal ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to forgive ourselves,

All: We are not able to restore ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to sanctify ourselves,

All: We are not able to satisfy ourselves.

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can make us whole.

Leader: Lord of light, enter our past, dispel the works of darkness,

All: Destroy the deeds of evil, defeat the thoughts of darkness.

Leader: Enter the recording room of our memories,

All: Enter the dark room of guilt and shame,

Leader: Enter the secret room of sins hidden or forgotten.

**All: Come, Lord of Light, and forgive.
 Come, Lord of Love, and set us free.
 Come and scatter our darkness.
 Come, draw us closer to You.**

(adapted from "The Open Gate" by David Adam)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (Please stand.) Franz Schubert

**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.**

* NICENE CREED

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light
very God of very God,
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead;
and the life of the world to come. 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: *Deep River*

traditional spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan
CHRIS GILMORE

Deep river,
My home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace.

DIACONAL PRAYER

AMY TREIER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade may return to their seats.)

READING FROM *THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*

CATHY SAYER

* HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

HYMN 598

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: ELLIE DURBIN, VIOLET SMOAK

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Joshua 3:9-4:14*

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

¹ When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶ to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' ⁷ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

⁸ So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. ⁹ Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

¹⁰ Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the LORD had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over, ¹¹ and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the LORD and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. ¹² The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, ready for battle, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. ¹³ About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the LORD to the plains of Jericho for war.

¹⁴ That day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 1:9-14*

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

MEDITATION: *Crossing by Way of the Cross*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Times of singing and silence.)

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

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery	pages 10, 11
My Jesus, I Love Thee	page 33
Come with Us	pages 8, 9

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Prayers during Communion

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Chris Gilmore

Thanks to our tech team.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ken Wolgemuth (rkwolgemuth@taylor.edu) is available today and during the week.

**Food Pantry closed today
NO Youth Group tonight**

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. **Bible study @ Terra Vincent's
Handbell choir rehearsal**

Saturday 11:00 a.m. **Handbell choir rehearsal**

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Summer Art Series: For the art piece above the Communion table for the summer sermon series, each week another work is added to illustrate the Bible reading *Five Smooth Stones quilt* (David LaPlaca), *Tower of Babel photo collage* (Howie Whitaker), *The Ark in the Jordan painting* (Samantha Durbin).

Ringers! Are you an experienced handbell ringer? Or would you like to learn? Some musical knowledge is required. All ages are invited. We will be ringing on Sunday, July 10, and you must commit to two rehearsals on July 7 at 7:00 p.m., July 9 at 11:00 a.m. and warm up on Sunday, July 10, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Mary Hopper.

VBS JULY 25-29, 2022: Go to www.immanuelpresbyterian.net/vbs to register kids for VBS week! Be on the lookout for our VBS donation board that will be in the Narthex starting NEXT Sunday July 10th! It will be available July 10, 17, and 24.

Back-to-School Carnival for Johnson School—Saturday, August 6. School supplies for under-resourced third-graders are already being purchased. Look for a box in the narthex today for your donations of cash or check to IPC.

ELDERS

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

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*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel,
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