

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

JULY 30, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC

ERIC DURBIN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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: *O Worship the King*

HYMN 2

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: Let us approach our God, who opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

People: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Leader: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

People: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Leader: Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

People: There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

Leader: For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Shine on Me* (Verse 2)

Refrain (D) (F#m7) (Bm7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Bm7) (E7) (Em/A)
 Capo 1 Eb Gm7 Cm7 Eb/Bb AbM7 Gm7 Cm7 F7 Fm/Bb

Shine on me, shine on me; Je - sus, shine on me.

(Bb7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Fm7) (Em7) (A7) (D) *Fine*
 B7 Eb/Bb AbM7 Gm7 Gbm7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

Through the dark - ness of my heart, Je - sus, shine on me.

(D) (Daug) (G) (D) (Bm) (D/A) (E/B) (A7)
 Eb Ebaug Ab Eb Cm Eb/Bb F/A Bb7

1 See my heart, for I re - pent; hear my hum - ble plea
 2 In your mer - cy I im - plore, make the dark - ness flee.
 3 New be - gin - nings light my way toward e - ter - ni - ty.

(D) (F#7) (G) (C#7) (F#m7) (B7) (Em7) (A7) (D) *Refrain*
 Eb G7 Ab D7 Gm7 C7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

to re - new your cov - e - nant. Je - sus, shine on me.
 Heav'n - ly light up - on me pour. Je - sus, shine on me.
 Lead me in your light to - day. Je - sus, shine on me.

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.

* ACCLAMATION

All: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. We proclaim your wonderful deeds, O Lord Most High.

* 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: *I Am*

Jill Phillips
ERIC DURBIN

Oh, gently lay your head upon my chest,
And I will comfort you like a mother while you rest.
The tide can change so fast, but I will stay
The same through past, the same in future, the same today.

I am constant, I am near.
I am peace that shatters all your secret fears.
I am holy, I am wise.
I'm the only one who knows your heart's desires,
Your heart's desires.

Oh weary, tired, and worn, let out your sighs
And drop that heavy load you hold, 'cause mine is light.
I know you through and through, there's no need to hide.
I want to show you love that is deep, and high, and wide.

I am constant, I am near.
I am peace that shatters all your secret fears.
I am holy, I am wise.
I'm the only one who knows your heart's desires
Your heart's desires.

* DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHORUS: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

(Children come forward.)

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the chorus, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are: "Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus, Just as his fol-low ers heard. Les-sons he taught his di - sci - ples, Writ-ten for us in His Word." The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a steady accompaniment in the left hand.

PARABLE READING

RACHEL EHORN

(Children ages 3 through 1st grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

RON NETZEL

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You_ to re-ceive the food of Your
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new 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.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 13:31-33*

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” NIV

SERMON: *Small, Hidden, and Powerful*

ANNIE ROSE

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus Shall Reign*

HYMN 441

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, the Durbin family

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder **Sheroll Ritchie** will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

Thursday

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bible Study at Terra's

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Load up at church

9:00 a.m.

Set-up at Johnson School

10:00 - noon

Carnival at Johnson School

(continued)

In Immanuel and Beyond

Thanks to Rev. Annie Rose for opening God's Word for us today. Annie and Joel Rose and their daughters are long-term members of Immanuel, though they were away from us for a while while Annie was pastoring an EPC congregation in Washington. These days, Annie serves as clerk of our Rivers & Lakes Presbytery, as well as Director of Ministerial Support & Development for the denomination.

Children's Ministry 2023-2024 - Planning is underway for the upcoming year of children's ministry! We are so amazed by all that God is doing in children's ministry and within our families. Would you be willing to pray about joining our teams in some capacity? We need leaders and assistants in the Worship and Sunday School hours for all ages. Contact Annika if you are interested.

Next Sunday, August 6 noon - 12:40

**Mexico Mission Snapshot
with teens** (sanctuary)

Sunday, August 13 7:00 p.m.

Sing-Along on the lawn

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman,
Ron Netzel, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

STAFF

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
Mary Hopper, Minister of Music; Annika Durbin,
Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;
Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Leon Sinclair, Bev Burch, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca