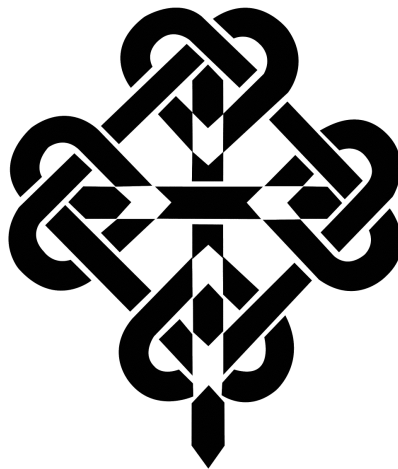


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

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 31, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

July 31, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE AND ANNIKA

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. 2.

first place _____ in all _____ *rit.* things.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*)

Pastor: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life,
who creates us.

All: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Pastor: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING HYMN: *Lift High the Name of Jesus*



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

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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)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

GABY SOSA

Leader: God's Word assures us: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

All: And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Based on I John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Father, We Have Sinned*

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Musical score for the song "Father, We Have Sinned". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 2/2. The lyrics are: "Fa-ther, we have sinned in word, and deed, and thought: through ig-nor-ance, through weak-ness, through de-li-berate fault. We've sinned a-gainst our neigh-bors and a-gainst You, Lord. Yet we are tru-ly sorr-y, and we turn to You once more." The score consists of four staves of music, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 indicated at the beginning of the second, third, and fourth staves respectively.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*

All: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. 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.)

VBS SONG: *Your Love*

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

arr. Mary McDonald
JOEL, KARIN, MIRIAM BUURSMA

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
Lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun.
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done.

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

LEON SINCLAIR

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

HYMN 598

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: RACHEL EHORN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 12:1-9; Genesis 15:1-6*

¹ The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

¹ After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Galatians 3:9-14*

⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” ¹¹ Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” ¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” ¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Abraham’s Blessing and Ours*

SETH EHORN

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

HYMN 32

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

We are happy to welcome our own Seth Ehorn to Immanuel's pulpit today.

Seth is a New Testament scholar and teacher. Seth and Rachel have attended Immanuel since 2015 (members since 2017), along with their children, Miles and Maddie. Seth currently serves as chairperson for the deacons.

Thanks to our musicians: Beth Bauer, Joel and Karin Buursma, Miriam Buursma, Mary Hopper.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Gaby Sosa (gabydesosa10@gmail.com) will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the service.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
No **Youth Group**

Food Pantry open

Tuesday

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

Food Pantry open

Thursday

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bible study @ Terra Vincent's

Saturday

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

**Back to School Carnival
at Johnson School in Warrenville.**

In Immanuel and Beyond

Summer Art Series: We are building an art piece above the Communion table during the summer sermon series. Each week another work will be added to illustrate the Bible reading for that week. *Five Smooth Stones quilt* (David LaPlaca), *Tower of Babel photo collage* (Howie Whitaker), *The Ark in the Jordan painting* (Samantha Durbin), *One True King embroidery* (Rachel Ehorn), *Peniel calligraphy* (Bev Burch), *Sin Is Crouching at the Door charcoal* (Luciana Balzer). *Abraham Sacrifices Isaac digital collage* (John Walford).

Saturday, August 6: Back-to-School Carnival for Johnson School.

Sign up to help make hot dogs or do crafts with kids at the carnival this Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Strong helpers are needed for set-up and tear down as well. You may still donate to cover school supplies (box in narthex).

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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,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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