

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 9, 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

HYMN REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God. "He is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God, whom we trust."

**People: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"  
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.**

Pastor: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**All: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit  
and in truth.**

Based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

### \* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

HYMN 76

# WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

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

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

## SONG OF CONFESSION: *Shine on Me* (Verse 1)

*Refrain*  
Capo 1

(D) (F#m7) (Bm7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Bm7) (E7) (Em/A)  
Eb Gm7 Cm7 Eb/Bb A#M7 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 A#M7 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 Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

HYMN 735

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.)*

## STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONING

### *Charge to Stephen Leader:*

Bev, you have been trained and asked to serve as a Stephen leader at Immanuel, a gift of God to lead us in this ministry of equipping and caring.

Because of your gifts, and training, we charge you with responsibility to build awareness of Stephen Ministry; to help recruit, select, and train Stephen Ministers; and then enrich the training and ongoing supervision of Stephen Ministers; and to work with church officers to identify those who would benefit from confidential caring ministry and appropriately assign trained caregivers.

If you will assume this ministry in confidence that it comes from God, committing to use your skills to support, encourage, build up, and help people in their needs, respond by saying, “Yes, with the help of God.”

**Stephen Leader:** “Yes, with the help of God.”

### *Charge to Congregation:*

Members of Immanuel, will you open your hearts to the ministry of this Stephen Leader and pray for Bev as a servant of God: If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

**Members:** “Yes, with the help of God.”

*Charge to Stephen Ministers:*

As each of you has been comforted by the good news of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we ask you to join in serving others who need to be comforted.

As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders, we ask you to be responsive to the needs of others, being a friend to those who are burdened.

As the Father patiently listens to us, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

As the Holy Spirit has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help those you serve and to pray for them, sharing your faith and hope in God.

We ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your caring ministry.

If you are willing to accept these requests, respond to the following with "Yes, with the help of God." Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them to support, encourage, build up, and comfort others, as a ministry of Immanuel?

**Stephen Ministers:** "Yes, with the help of God."

*Charge to Congregation:*

Members of Immanuel, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Ministers and pray that they may be effective servants of Christ? Will you accept their ministry when you need help, allowing them to support and help you as you face struggles? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

**Members:** "Yes, with the help of God."

# WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Hear My Voice*

Vaclav Nelhybel  
SYLVIA HOLMAN

Hear My voice, O God, in my prayer  
Hear my cry.  
O God, attend to my prayer,  
Hear my voice.  
From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee  
When my heart is overwhelmed.  
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

\* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be -  
low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,  
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.



CHORUS: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

*(Children come forward.)*



Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus, Just as his fol-low ers heard.

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Les-sons he taught his di - sci - ples, Writ-ten for us in His Word.

PARABLE READING

JOHN SCHURMAN

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

\* HYMN: *Lord, Make Us Servants*

*Descant*

5 Dy - ing, we live, re - born through

D G C Gsus G Bm

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of

Em Am G Dsus D G C

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of Your

peace to wake at last in light.  
 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 peace to wake at last in heav - en's light.

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## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Deuteronomy 6:4-15*

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

<sup>10</sup>When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup>houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup>be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. <sup>14</sup>Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; <sup>15</sup>for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 16:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

<sup>25</sup> “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup> “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

<sup>29</sup> “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

<sup>30</sup> “No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” NIV

SERMON: *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

RON HAYDON

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (Verses 1 & 4)

F C F B<sup>b</sup> F C7 F

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple pour your power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to your con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

Crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

C7 F Gm7/B<sup>b</sup> F/C C F

- \* SENDING PRAYER FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

**TODAY**

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Sylvia Holman

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

**Special thanks to Ron Haydon** for opening God’s Word for us today. Though in past years, Prof. Haydon taught biblical studies and Hebrew at the college level, these days Ron is teaching Bible and Christian Thought to high schoolers at Naperville Christian Academy, where he also serves as chaplain, organizing chapel worship services and providing spiritual support. Ron and Julie and their son, Graham, are long-term members of Immanuel. Ron has served as an elder, as chair of adult ed, and as a coffee preparer. Currently he is serving as a deacon.

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| Noon - 1:00 p.m. | <b>Bring-Your-Own Picnic/International Café with Smoak family</b> |
| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | <b>Food Pantry open</b>   |
| 3:30 p.m.        | <b>Wedding shower for Bella Anderson</b> in the Ministry House.   |
| 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | <b>Youth Group (Game Night)</b>                                   |

**This Week**

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| Tuesday  | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | <b>Food Pantry open</b>       |
| Thursday | 6:30 p.m.              | <b>Softball game</b>          |
|          | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.       | <b>Bible Study at Terra’s</b> |

**In Immanuel and Beyond**

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| Sundays    | 9:30 a.m. | <b>Book of Acts read aloud</b>            |
| July 15-21 |           | <b>High School Mission Trip to Mexico</b> |

The banners at the front of the sanctuary were made by Immanuel women. The designs and patterns were created by Pastor Alva Steffler, who also chose the fabrics. If you would like to read more about these symbols, check with Annette about borrowing a copy of Alva's book *Symbols of the Christian Faith*.

### SYMBOLS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Special thanks to the sewing team of Immanuel members who created the banners currently enhancing our worship in the sanctuary, which depict important symbols of Christian faith:



*Alpha and Omega:* The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolize Jesus as the beginning and end of all things and are associated with the Trinity (Rev. 22:13).



*Chi Rho:* Since the time of Constantine, this symbol derived from the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ emphasizes the Great Shepherd, as the Greek letter rho looks a bit like a shepherd's staff.



*Lion holding the Cross:* The lion is one of the messianic titles (Gen. 49:9, Rev. 5:5) and represents royal dominion, strength and courage, and justice.



*Lamb:* Christ is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29 and many other references).



*Hand of God:* The hand, a symbol of power and making the gesture of a blessing, is a physical representation for God the Father. The hand of God creates and protects, provides security and support, but also metes out judgment.



*Dove:* This primary symbol for the Holy Spirit also indicates God's peace and reconciliation with humankind.



*Serpent and Cross:* A serpent wound around a cross was a Symbolic Old Testament reference to Christ on the cross (Numbers 2:18, John 3:14)

*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 Ehom (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*