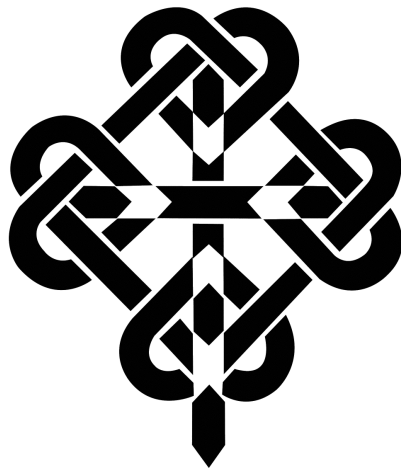


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

SUMMER SERIES: THE PARABLES OF JESUS

JUNE 11, 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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Hymn Requests

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

All: Let us remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God. He remembers his covenant forever.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING SONG: *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

HYMN 81

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *The Gospel Song (Sing 2 times)*

Bob Kauflin, Drew Jones

Ho - ly God, in love, be - came per - fect
Man to bear my blame. On the cross He
took my sin. By His death I live a - gain.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION *(Gloria Patri)*

**All: Glorify 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Goodness of God*

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LAUREN MATHEUS

I love you, Lord, for your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay down my head,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause all my life you have been faithful,
And all my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, you are close like no other.
I've known you as a Father, I've known you as a Friend,
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after me.
With my life laid down, I surrender now.
I give you everything, oh Lord.
Your goodness is running after me.

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.

* OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Psalms 28*

- ¹ To you, Lord, I call;
 you are my Rock,
 do not turn a deaf ear to me.
 For if you remain silent,
 I will be like those who go down to the pit.
- ² Hear my cry for mercy
 as I call to you for help,
 as I lift up my hands
 toward your Most Holy Place.
- ³ Do not drag me away with the wicked,
 with those who do evil,
 who speak cordially with their neighbors
 but harbor malice in their hearts.
- ⁴ Repay them for their deeds
 and for their evil work;
 repay them for what their hands have done
 and bring back on them what they deserve.

⁵ Because they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord
and what his hands have done,
he will tear them down
and never build them up again.

⁶ Praise be to the Lord,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.

⁸ The Lord is the strength of his people,
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

⁹ Save your people and bless your inheritance;
be their shepherd and carry them forever. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

LEON SINCLAIR

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

DAVID LAPLACA

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

* SONG: *Complete in Thee*

1. Com-plete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord,
 2. Com-plete in Thee, each want sup - plied, and no good thing
 3. Com-plete in Thee; no more shall sin, which Thou has con -
 4. Dear Sav - ior, when, be - fore Thy bar, all tribes and tongues

the place of Thine. Thy blood hath par - don bought for me,
 to me de - nied; since Thou my por - tion, Lord, will be,
 quered, reign with - in. Thy blood shall bid the temp - ter flee,
 as - sem - bled are, a - mong the cho - sen I will be,

and I shall stand com-plete in Thee!
 I ask no more— com-plete in Thee! Yea, jus-ti - fied! O bless-ed
 and I shall stand, com-plete in Thee.
 at Thy right hand, com-plete in Thee!

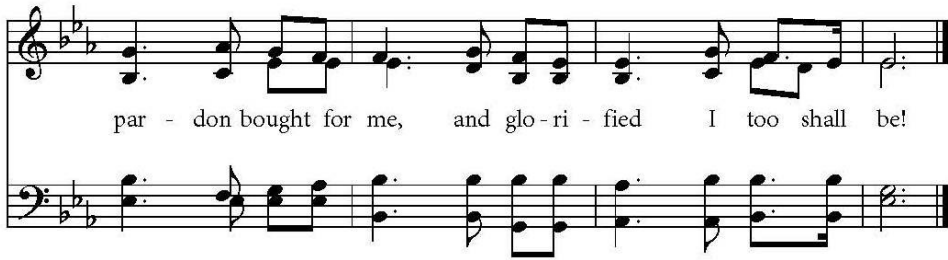
thought! And sanc-ti - fied, sal - va - tion wrought! Thy blood hath

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NYCE



WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 5:36-39*

³⁶ He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸ No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, ‘The old is better.’”

SERMON: *Why Parables?*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

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

HYMN 598

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Lauren Mathues

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, Ron Netzel will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open
Youth Group**

This Week

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open
Softball game at Grace Church of Du Page
Men's Book Group**

Thursday

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bible Study at Terra's

In Immanuel and Beyond

Sunday, June 25, 9:30 a.m.

International Café breakfast with Zagamis

Tuesday, June 27, 5:30 p.m.

Northside park picnic with Zagamis

Wednesday, June 28, 6 - 9 p.m.

Reception for Lillian (Smoak) Cordova

Sundays, July 9-30, 9:30 a.m.

Book of Acts read aloud

July 15-21

High School Mission Trip to Mexico

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