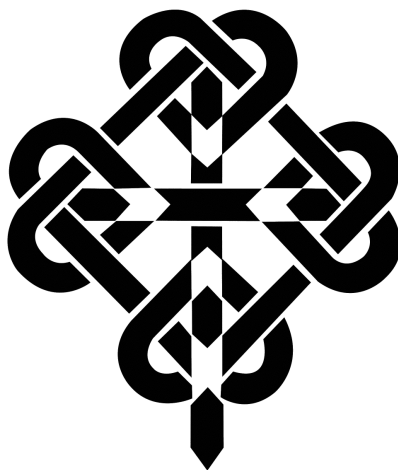


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

MARCH 14, 2021

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: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
Praise Ye the Father for His Loving Kindness

arr. Rodriguez
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ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

All: They will say of the Lord, "He is our refuge and fortress, our God, in whom we trust."

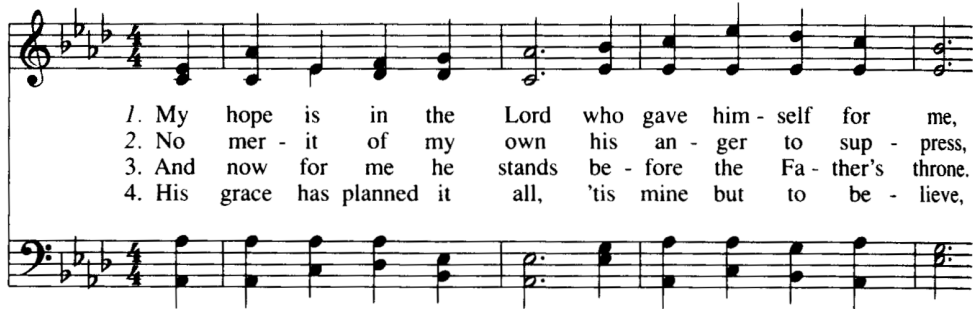
Pastor: Surely he will save you from hidden traps and deadly hazards.

All: He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find safety.

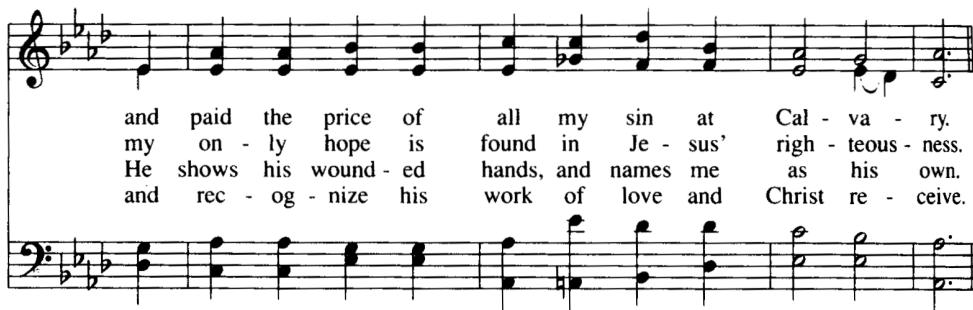
Pastor: His great faithfulness will be our shield and defense.
Come, let us glorify our Lord!

* INVOCATION

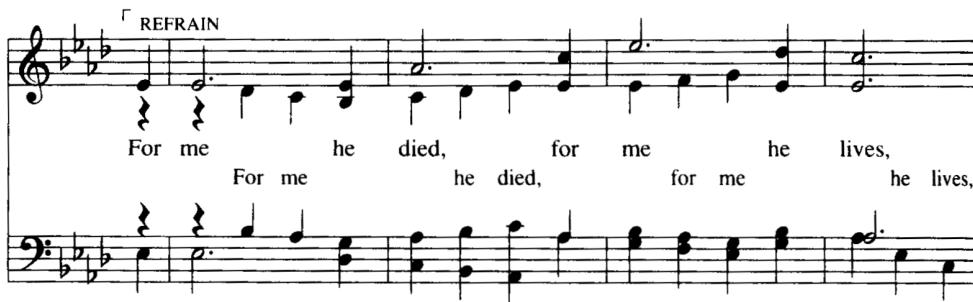
* OPENING SONG: *My Hope Is in the Lord* (verses 1 and 4)



1. My hope is in the Lord who gave him - self for me,
2. No mer - it of my own his an - ger to sup - press,
3. And now for me he stands be - fore the Fa - ther's throne.
4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to be - lieve,



and paid the price of all my sin at Cal - va - ry.
my on - ly hope is found in Je - sus' righ - teous - ness.
He shows his wound - ed hands, and names me as his own.
and rec - og - nize his work of love and Christ re - ceive.



REFRAIN
For me he died, for me he lives,
For me he died, for me he lives,



and ev - er - last - ing life and light he free - ly gives.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Reader: "Woe to me!" Isaiah cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."
(Isaiah 6:5 NIV)

Reader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Reader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Reader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Reader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.
(Psalm 32:1-6, NIV)

SONG OF CONFESSION (*Sing first line.*)

All:

Refrain Dm C Dm C Dm

I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer, hear my
Alternate What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my

C Am F Am Em Dm

prayer. I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer.
soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: I am convinced that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39 NIV)

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

(*sing alternate verse*)

All: *Refrain*

Dm C Dm C Dm

I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer, hear my soul!
Alternate What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my

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* 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.*)

I've been troubled by the silence of our mourning,
While the weeping of the world runs wild.
I have wondered if our folly deserves warning,
Or if heaven cares about the crying child.
But a whisper said that heaven's also crying,
In the suffering somehow shared by *charitas*.
I heard Love has come to weep beside our sighing,
And I heard it at the cross.

In the dimness of my death I am a stranger,
Who is haunted by his own hopeful song.
I can neither bear the void nor face the danger
Of an unhealed soul that lives too long.
But there's a rumor of redemption in a story:
Someone dying waits to carry me across,
Who remakes the sinning soul to bear His glory.
And I heard this at the cross.
And I heard it at the cross.

I've seen power in hands of kings of madness,
And the tyranny of the many o'er the few,
How the power of the holy turns to badness,
And corrupts the good they thought they'd do.
Yet I've also seen a Power choosing meekness,
And a Master who for slaves will suffer loss.
I've seen glory dimmed by love to suffer weakness,
And I saw this at the cross.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNIKA DURBIN
ASTRID REYES

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KATHERINE ANDERSON

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: JERRY AND DODY BLACKSTONE

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 131:1-3*

- ¹ My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
- ² But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.
- ³ Israel, put your hope in the LORD
both now and forevermore. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Mark 10:13-16*

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Joy of Trust*

JIM WILHOIT

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,
strong, a per - fect plea, A great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less Right - eous - ness; The great un change - a - ble I
"Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him
grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased with His
heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free; For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
Him and par - don me, to look on
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my
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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Sheroll Ritchie (773-551-4568 or soritchie@gmail.com) will be glad to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Kent Richter, Kevin Ritchie, Marcus Mayell

Thanks to our technical crew: Peter Welander, Marc Johnson

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3rd - 5th grade Sunday School
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Zoom)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Adult Ed class (Zoom) Michael Allen continues a course on Augustine's <i>City of God</i> .

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 -11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study
1:00- 3:0:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (open)
7:00 p.m.	Men's Book Group Women's Bible Study

Membership Class has been delayed until Pastor George recovers. Stay tuned for more information.

In Immanuel and Beyond

Easter is coming! We plan to worship outdoors, rain or shine. If your family has a small portable canopy, plan to bring it on Easter morning. The church has purchased several 10x10 canopies, so that many can be under shade or out of the rain, depending on the weather. We need quite a number of early volunteers on Easter Sunday morning to help put up the canopies, etc. Contact Annette if you're willing to help.

Bells and Crosses: In true Immanuel tradition, plan to bring along bells on Easter Sunday morning to ring during all the Alleluias. Since we won't be able to go forward to flower the large cross, families are encouraged to bring along small crosses to "lift high" during worship. If you get to the Saturday before Easter and still need to find or make a cross, watch for an opportunity to come by the church parking lot to make simple crosses for worship.

Witnesses to the Resurrection: Traditionally, we use some pages of the Easter Sunday bulletin to remember loved ones who have gone before us to be with the Lord. If you'd like to have a loved one listed, email Barb at immanpres@gmail.com with the name, like this: *Charles and Catherine LaPlaca, Parents/grandparents of the LaPlaca family*. Instead of purchasing flowers, consider a suggested donation of \$10 for our food pantry ("pantry" in the memo line).

From the Finance Committee: 2020 could have been a disastrous year financially, but we stand in awe of the way God blessed Immanuel through your response to ongoing needs as well as the renovation project. It is truly amazing! It is not too early in 2021 to remind you that Session has approved a budget increase of about four percent. Think of it this way: for every \$100 you gave to the general fund last year, we need to raise \$104 this year. It is with joyful anticipation that we look forward to God's continued blessing in 2021!

HOLY WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Good Friday, April 2 Tenebrae Service

7:00 p.m.

(RSVP up to 50)

Saturday, April 3

IPC families make crosses

Easter Sunday, April 4

11:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship

ELDERS

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

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*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard,
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