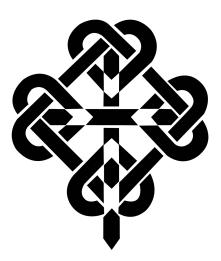
Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O God, your name be praised, for in Jesus Christ you come to visit and redeem

your people.

All: Help us to understand Christ's rule, strongest among the exiled, among the victims, among the hurt and mourning.

Pastor: Help us to understand Christ's triumph revealed when love speaks the healing

and freeing word. Help us to understand glory revealed on a cross.

All: Then may we sing with full joy, "Rejoice! Rejoice! Blessed is Emmanuel who comes in God's name to ransom our captive hearts."

* INVOCATION

Opening Song: Beautiful Savior

(Congregation sings on final hymn only.)



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WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: Let us confess our sins to our holy and gracious God with the words of

Psalm 32.

People: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Leader: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit

there is no deceit.

People: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning

all day long.

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as

by the heat of summer.

People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said,

"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt

of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress,

the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came

into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name ascribe the glory, for your

love protecting us is strong, and your constancy is everlasting. To the Lord be glory, forever and ever. 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.)

Special Music: Sing to the Lord God

Pergolesi/Burkhardt Sylvia Eltherington

Sing to the Lord God,
O sing God a new song.
Sing to the Lord God,
O sing, all you peoples:
bless God's name forevermore.
Tell the good news of our salvation from day to day.
Proclaim God's glory among the nations,
for the Lord our God is greatly to be praised.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING ANDY LEPEAU

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Intercessory Prayer Alva Steffler

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please stand for the reading of God's Word.)
READERS: RALPH AND MARGARET LAMBKA

- * OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 47
 - ¹ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
 - ² For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.
 - ³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
 - ⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
 - ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
 - ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
 - ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
 - ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
 God is seated on his holy throne.
 ⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,

for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

* New Testament Scriptures:

John 20:15-18

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

- ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").
- ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.""
- ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Acts 1:3-11

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Colossians 1:15-17

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

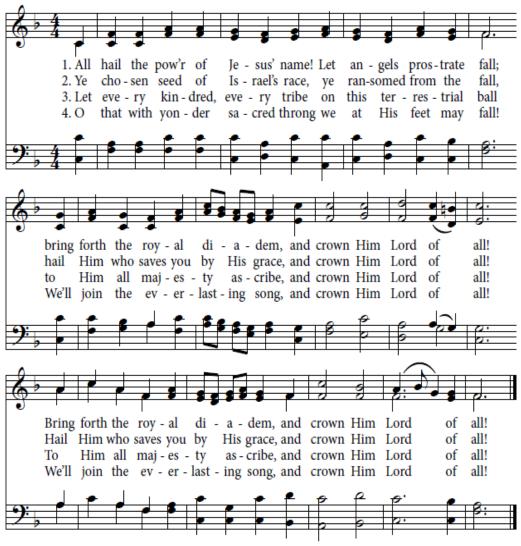
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Resurrection: Ascended in Glory

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* Closing Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



TEXT: Edward Perronet, 1780, and John Rippon, 1887

MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793

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- * BENEDICTION
- * Postlude

TODAY

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, **Alva Steffler** will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sylvia Eltherington, Heather and Carter Klassen

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	3rd - 5th grade Sunday School (Pizza party outside at church)
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Youth Group (outdoors at the Ministry House)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Adult Ed class (Zoom) The Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Just ring: Steer clear of the church during the work week, if possible, since workers are on site. If you need to drop off or pick up materials, ring the bell and let someone come down to meet you at the door.

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

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