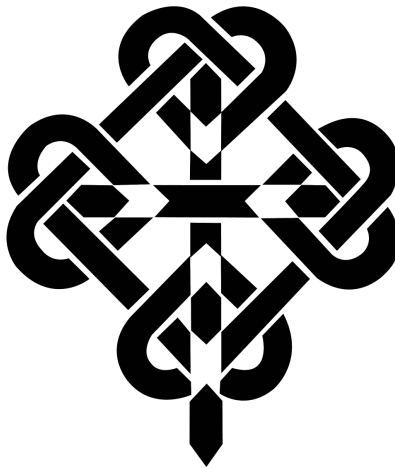


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

PENTECOST

MAY 23, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNIKA DURBIN

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PENTECOST PRAYER

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:

At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters;
you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

All: Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:
You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth,
and through them call your people
to the ways of justice and compassion.

All: Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:
By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and release to those held captive.

All: Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:
You speak to us of our Lord
and show us the depth of his love.

All: Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Holy Spirit, wind and flame:
You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your word
and to share your good news.

All: Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:
You break down barriers of language, race and culture,
and heal the divisions that separate us.

All: Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:
At the close of the age
all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

All: Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.

Soloist: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Prayer written by John Paarlberg, 1999
Music written by Howard Whitaker

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: God poured out his Spirit upon the gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

**All: We confess that we hold back the force of the Spirit among us.
We do not listen for God's word of grace.**

Leader: We do not speak the good news of God's love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

All: Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5, and finally a half note E5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The second system of music is identical to the first, featuring the same vocal melody and piano accompaniment.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

The third system of music features a vocal line with a descending melody: quarter notes G4, F4, E4, D4, and C4. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of music is identical to the first and second systems, featuring the same vocal melody and piano accompaniment.

Daniel Iverson, 1926

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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: *Fire and Water*

Music by Misook Kim
Text by Miho Nonaka

No confusion, not drunk, never
fear when you feel
the water bubbling

from within. Each soul
is a well, set apart, alone.
The sun is directly above

your head, and a stranger
waits for you at the well,
thirsty. He has nothing to draw

with, and the well is deep.
So is every other well,
he reminds you. It's not up to you

to decide whether you have
suffered long enough.
He knows your name,

doesn't he? Love comes
in tongues of fire. Flames
won't set you ablaze;

you will be unconsumed.
A pair of wings brush past
your eyes in silver flickers

as the sound of water nears.
Open your thirsty mouth.
He is asking to offer yourself

in a glass, the same water that
connects all of the wells, what
flows between Father and Son.

The rushing water reverses
something of Babel
in each of us: an upturned

hourglass to measure
the immeasurable, holding
our shattered lives together.

STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONING

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."

SONG: *Christian Care* (Soloist)

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

$\text{♩} = 88$
 B^b B^b B^b/D E^b $Cm7$ F_{sus} F B^b B^b/F B^b B^b

Je - sus is a - live to - day,
 Je - sus is a - live to - day,

7 B^b Gm/D E^b/G F/A F B^b/D B^b/F B^b B^b/D B^b/F B^b

He lives in you and me. We live and move and have our be - ing
 He rules the land and sea, the dist - ant star, the tin - iest part - i - cle,

11 E^b E^b/D $Cm7$ F_{sus} $F7$ Gm Dm B^b F/A $F7$

in Him we hear and see. When need - y souls look up in prayer and
 the seed, the sprout, the tree. He made them all in love, and breathed His

15 B^b Gm F/A F B^b E^b B^b/D E^b E^b/B^b E^b E^b/G

plead for help and grace His Spir - it brings them love and care—
 Life in the hu - man race. We care for Him in serv - ing them—

19 B^b/F $F7_{sus}$ $F7$ B^b B^b/D B^b/F B^b E^b/F $F7_{sus}$ $Cm7/F$ $F7$

1. in us they see His face.
 in them we see His

25 B^b B^b

2. face.

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

CARL PICKARD

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: LAURIE McLeod AND MIKE DIETRICH

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Joel 2:27-32*

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.
²⁸ “And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
³² And everyone who calls
on the name of the LORD will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the LORD has said,
even among the survivors
whom the LORD calls.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: *John 14:15-17, 25-27*

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Acts 2:1-14

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

Acts 2:36-41

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Resurrection: The Power to Believe*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth* (Congregation sings.)

C F G/D C

1 Spir - it of God, un-leashed on earth with rush of
 2 You came in power, the church was born; O Ho - ly
 3 With burn - ing words of vic - tory won in - spire our

F C G/D C G D G

wind and roar of flame! With tongues of fire saints
 Spir - it, come a - gain! From liv - ing wa - ters -
 hearts grown cold with fear, re - vive in us bap -

C D G G7 C Dm C/G G7 C

spread good news; earth, kin - dling, blazed its loud ac - claim.
 raise new saints, let new tongues hail the ris - en Lord.
 tis - mal grace, and fan our smol - dering lives to flame.

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sarah Holman, Timothy Holman

Thanks to our technical crew.

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The Pentecost banners were created by Dottye Luttrell and Carol Wilhoit.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food pantry open**

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. **3rd - 5th grade Sunday School bonfire on church grounds.
Bring a lawn chair!**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Outdoor youth group**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Adult Ed class (Zoom)**
Seth Ehorn continues "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

Next Sunday, May 30 (day before Memorial Day), we hope to worship outdoors. If you want to stay after church for some fellowship time, plan to bring a picnic for your family (BYOP: Bring Your Own Picnic) and hang out for a bit.

Saturday, June 5, Flower planting workday

ELDERS

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