WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP





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

MAY 24, 2020

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: For the Lord is our refuge. His eye is upon us. His unfailing love enfolds us.

Pastor: Let us worship him together.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God



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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL OF CONFESSION

Leader: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



Song of Confession

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1:21-22)

- Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.
- * ACCLAMATION

All: You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord: we acclaim you; You are the Eternal Father: all creation worships you. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

- * PASSING OF THE PEACE
 - Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KEN WOLGEMUTH

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Readers: Haydon Family

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,

an ever-present help in trouble.

- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: I Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. NIV

* Congregational Response

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Consistent Courage

SPECIAL MUSIC: When All Thy Mercies

Fernando Ortega ERIC DURBIN, HOWARD WHITAKER

When all Thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys, Transported with the view I'm lost In wonder, love, and praise.

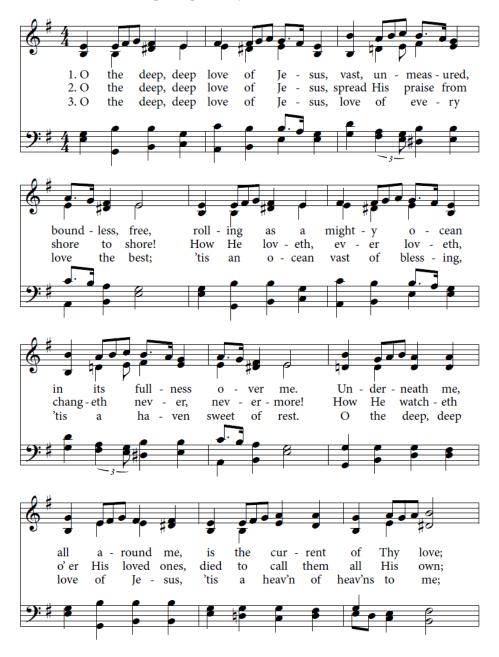
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed Before my infant heart could know From whom those comforts flowed When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou, With health renewed my face, And when in sins and sorrows bowed, Revived my soul with grace.

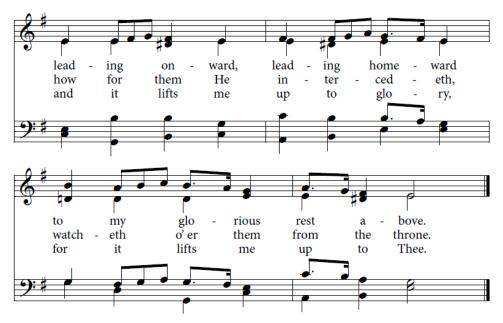
Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue, And after death, in distant worlds, The glorious theme renew

Sermon

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus





PRAYER FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

* BENEDICTION

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Gaby Sosa (331-234-4094 gabydesosa10@gmail.com) who is happy to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Rob and Kate Noll, Eric Durbin, Howard Whitaker, Abbott Klassen.

Thanks to our video editor, Peter Welander.

Today	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group (Zoom) High School Youth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study (Zoom) Food Pantry open Women's Bible study (Zoom)

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors: Henry Adkins, Sophie Netzel, Peter Osielski, Jenae van Wyk, Jackson Vincent.

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (immanpres@gmail.com).

From the IPC Finance Committee: The giving goal for the operating budget in April was \$55,000 and the actual giving was \$43,045 or 78.3% of the goal. Renovation giving was \$2,725 for the month. The year-to-date giving goal through April was \$250,500, and the actual giving was \$211,934 or 84.6% of the goal.

To give your tithe, you may mail a check to the church or give online. If you have questions about online giving, please contact Amber Johnson via email at amber@immanuelpresbyterian.net or by phone at 630-401-3399.

Women's Bible studies are meeting next Tuesday, then Cathy's taking two weeks off. Then there's going to be a Bible study from the psalms of lament, from June 16-July 21.

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson

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