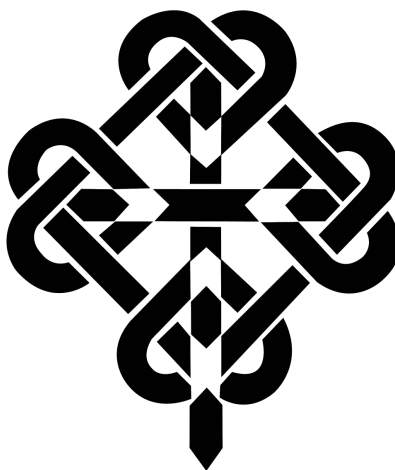


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

MAY 29, 2022

## 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.

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *The Risen Christ*

Keith Getty, Phil Madeira

O Breath of God come fill this place.  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace,  
And from our slumber make us rise  
That we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God so clear and true  
Renew our minds to trust in You,  
And give to us the Bread of Life  
That we may know the risen Christ.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.

**People: There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the Father, and rules the world.**

Pastor: He ascended that we might experience God's presence and power.

**People: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

**All: Come, let us worship and bow down. All praise be to him!**

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

*\* Congregation stands.*

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

HYMN 295

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHERINE ANDERSON

Leader: Almighty God,  
You have raised Jesus from death to life  
and crowned him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

**People: We have gone along with the ways of the world  
and failed to give him glory.  
Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

Leader: While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord,  
the way we live proclaims our lack of faith  
in his power to deal with the world.  
Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Shine On Me (Verse 1 only)*

*Refrain* *apo 1* (D) (F#m7) (Bm7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Bm7) (E7) (Em/A)  
 Eb Gm7 Cm7 Eb/Bb AbM7 Gm7 Cm7 F7 Fm/Bb

Shine on me, shine on me; Je - sus, shine on me.

(Bb7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Fm7) (Em7) (A7) (D) *Fine*  
 B7 Eb/Bb AbM7 Gm7 Gbm7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

Through the dark - ness of my heart, Je - sus, shine on me.

(D) (Daug) (G) (D) (Bm) (D/A) (E/B) (A7)  
 Eb Ebaug Ab Eb Cm Eb/Bb F/A Bb7

1 See my heart, for I re - pent; hear my hum - ble plea  
 2 In your mer - cy I im - plore, make the dark - ness flee.  
 3 New be - gin - nings light my way toward e - ter - ni - ty.

(D) (F#7) (G) (C#7) (F#m7) (B7) (Em7) (A7) (D) *Refrain*  
 Eb G7 Ab D7 Gm7 C7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

to re - new your cov - e - nant. Je - sus, shine on me.  
 Heav'n - ly light up - on me pour. Je - sus, shine on me.  
 Lead me in your light to - day. Je - sus, shine on me.

Text and music: Richard K. Carlson (b.1956)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:4-7 TNIV)

\* ACCLAMATION: *(Please stand.)*

**All: To him whose sovereignty is never-ending and whose kingdom endures through all generations, to the Most High, the Ever-Living One, be blessing and honor and glory. 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.)*

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

*(Congregation sings as the children bring their crowns forward.)*

**ALL: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

*(Children 3 years through 5th grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)*

MISSION FOCUS

CRAIG AND ALYSE THOMPSON

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *The Commission*

Cain  
DURBIN FAMILY

See my hands and look at my feet  
It's okay if it's hard to believe  
I have faith you will do greater things  
It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about me.  
I was dead but now I live.  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the

Go tell the world about me.  
I was dead but now I live.  
I've gotta go now for a little while,  
But goodbye is not the end.

End of the journey, the end of the road.  
My spirit is with you wherever you go  
You have a purpose and I have a plan.  
I'll make you this promise  
I'll come back again but until then

Don't forget the things that I taught you  
I've conquered death and I hold the keys.  
Where I go you will go too, someday  
But there's much to do here before you leave.

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end.

\* DOXOLOGY

HOWARD WHITAKER

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be -  
low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,  
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

\* HYMN: *Jesus Is Our King*

Sherrell Prebble and Howard Clark

*Refrain* *Unison* Eb Gm Ab Eb/G Fm Eb/Bb Bb7

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our hearts to him, sing - ing

Eb Gm Ab Eb/G Fm Bb7 Eb *Fine*

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our King!

*Harmony* Cm Bb7 Ab Eb Bb7

1 Cre - ate in us, — O God, a hum - ble heart that sets us free to pro -  
 2 We bear the name\_ of Christ. 7 Jus - ti - fied, we meet with him. His\_  
 3 Let kin - dred voic - es join, 7 hon - or - ing the Lamb of God, who\_  
 4 Pour out your Spir - it on us, em - power - ing us to live as one, to\_

To Refrain Eb Bb7 Cm Eb Fm Bb7sus Bb7

claim the won - drous maj - es - ty of our Fa - ther in heaven. —  
 words and pres - ence calm our fear, re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther, here.  
 teach - es us by bread and wine the\_ mys - tery of his bod - y.  
 car - ry your re - deem - ing love to a world en - slaved by sin. —

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

*(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)*

READERS: DAWN AND TIM CURLEY

### \* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

#### *Psalm 47*

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

#### *Acts 1:6-11*

- <sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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."
- <sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.



<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “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 1:15-20*

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

*Hebrews 7:23-26*

<sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

<sup>26</sup> Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *His Ascension in Our Hearts*

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

HYMN 300

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, Katherine Anderson (katand@sbcglobal.net) is available today and during the week.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Alethea Funck, Mary Hopper, Ellie Durbin, Samantha Durbin, Abigail Durbin, Seth Ehorn.

**Thanks also to our technical team.**

**Stay for a picnic after church today. If you did not bring a lunch we have extras to share.**

## FOOD PANTRY CLOSED TODAY

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.      **Youth Group** (Ministry House)

6:00 p.m.              **Evening women's Bible Study** (narthex)

## THIS WEEK

11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.   **Food pantry open**

## In Immanuel and Beyond

**Sunday, June 5:** Come at 9:30 a.m. for Treats with the Thompsons—breakfast goodies and missionary updates from Craig and Alyse.

**Sunday, June 12:** Come at 9:30 a.m. for Donuts with Dottie—coffee and donuts with long-time IPC missionary Dottie Hoppe.

**Mark your calendars for VBS 2022!** We are excited to bring VBS back to Immanuel during the week of July 25-29. Child registration will open in late May. If you are interested in serving in any capacity during VBS week, please email annikadurbin@gmail.com or text/call: 630-207-3230 ASAP to assist planning.

**Summer study for women:** You're invited to join a women's Bible study this summer called "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?" It will be used in conjunction with *The Chosen* television series about the life of Jesus. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. for 8 weeks at Terra Vincent's home, beginning June 16. Please call or email Terra if you are interested. [630-408-9489](tel:630-408-9489)/[vman4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vman4@sbcglobal.net)

## NOTES

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