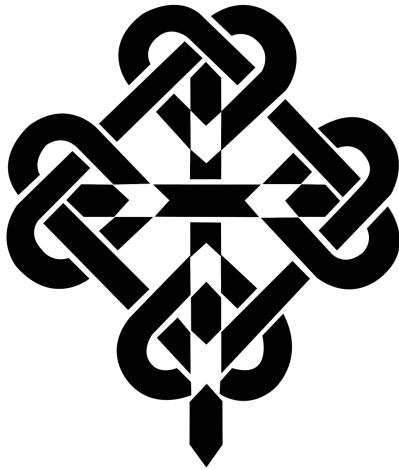


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

May 5, 2024



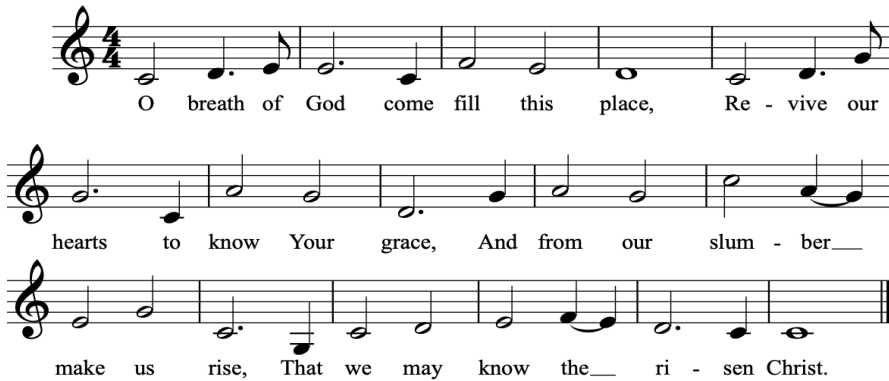
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Communion Service

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *The Risen Christ*



O breath of God come fill this place, Re - vive our  
hearts to know Your grace, And from our slum - ber\_\_  
make us rise, That we may know the\_\_ ri - sen Christ.

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

LAUREN MATHUES

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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

\* *Congregation stands.*

1. Re-joyce in the Lord now and al-ways. Sing it a-gain, we re-joyce and be anx-ious for noth-ing. Pray-ing for all that you

3. Re-joyce in the Lord now and al-ways; tell of the good He has

joyce. De-light in the love He has shown us;  
need. Come with a song of thanks-giv-ing;  
done. Wor-ship the Lord to re-mem-ber

grate-ful-ly lift up your voice. His gen-tle-ness a-mong us will  
lay your re-quests at his feet. His peace will fall up-on us to  
all of the joy yet to come. The hope that burns with-in us the

join our hearts with praise. We gath-er in His good-ness, a  
guard our hearts and minds in Christ who reigns e-ter-nal, the  
dark can-not de-stroy. With praise that's nev-er end-ing we

fam-i-ly of grace. With each breath He's giv-en, Praise the  
Shep-herd of our lives.  
say a-gain, "re-joyce!"

Lord. In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord. Through out ev-'ry

sea-son, I am sure we have

ev-'ry rea-son to praise the Lord.

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: Let us approach our God, who opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

**People: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

Leader: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**People: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

Leader: Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

**People: There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?**

Leader: For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### 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!

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Gloria Patri*

HYMN 735

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell,  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* Church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* universal*

\* 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.)*

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

OFFERTORY: *Agnus Dei*

arr. Joel Raney  
CHRIS AND RACHEL GILMORE

Alleluia. For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia. Holy are you, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb.

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art.

DIACONAL PRAYER

AMY TREIER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to  
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to



Him. No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to  
 Him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to



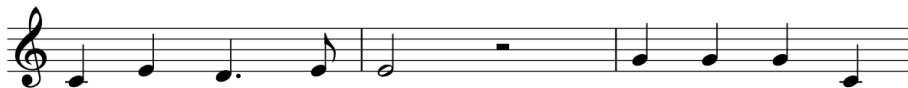
1. Him. 2. Him. For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will



keep us day and night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.



Je - sus, strong and kind. 3. Je - sus said that if I fear,  
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost,



I should come to Him. No one else can  
 He will come to me. And He showed me



be my shield. I should come to Him. For the  
 on that cross. He will come to me.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: TOM NGUYEN

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 130:1-8*

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.
- <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;
- <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Mark 5:21-34*

<sup>21</sup> And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live."

<sup>24</sup> And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. <sup>25</sup> And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup> and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. <sup>28</sup> For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> And he looked around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." ESV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

MEDITATION: *Suffering, Fear, and Faith*

JIM WILHOIT



## COMMUNION LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross. By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus, on the night before his death, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same manner he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.  
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA), *Psalter Hymnal*  
(CRC) and *Order of Worship for the Lord's Day* (RCA)

## WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**Please approach the tables from the center aisles, and we ask that you  
return to your seats on the outside aisles.**

If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated.  
Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.  
If you would like to be seated at the lower tables,  
just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.

If you prefer to be served by an elder who is wearing a face mask and gloves please  
indicate that to the usher at the front of the sanctuary.

During Communion *Carol Wilhoit and Michael Dietrich* will be available  
on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)

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## WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

HYMN 460

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

### TODAY

**Today we welcome Jim Wilhoit** to the pulpit. Jim and Carol Wilhoit have attended Immanuel since 2008. Jim taught spiritual formation at Wheaton College for thirty-eight years and is ordained as a teaching elder in the EPC. In his retirement, he enjoys time for prayer, writing, family, getting outside, and volunteering at the Morton Arboretum. He recently published *Abide*, a book on biblical meditation.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ron Netzel is available at the front following the service.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Zak Reynolds, Kent Richter, Graham Haydon, Chris and Rachel Gilmore

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group**

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (*childcare*)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

**Softball game at Grace Church of DuPage**

### IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

**All Church Picnic:** On Sunday, May 26, plan to stay after worship for food and fun in the sun.

## **Prayers during Communion**

### **Prayer to begin a new life in Christ**

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for my sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

### **Prayer for those struggling with sin**

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

### **Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears**

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

### **Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past**

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

## Scots' Form of Communion

The early Scottish Presbyterians felt strongly that their manner of celebrating the Lord's Supper should clearly symbolize the truth that the Risen Christ is host to his redeemed people at this covenant meal. Samuel Rutherford wrote that "they should sit, as banqueters, at one table with our King, and eat and drink." Abraham Kuyper expressed his opinion that the Lord's Supper should be eaten from a table, saying, "Jesus spreads a feast for his friends and as a King invites his people to his table."

We use this form largely for the same reasons expressed by our Presbyterian predecessors and also have discovered reasons in our own experience to value this observance of the Sacrament. The form demands a little more from us than the tradition of being served at our places in the congregation. As we overcome our nervousness about going forward we find that the very act impresses upon us the reality of our personal response to our Lord's invitation to receive his grace. Sitting with others at his table, singing and watching others go forward impresses upon us the reality of our fellowship and the joy of seeing others meet our Lord in his love.

Notice to Families: In accord with our practice of the Lord's Supper, children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ to the elders are asked to refrain from partaking in communion. We desire that such children look forward gladly to the day when they take their first communion as a significant step in their spiritual growth. In the meantime, we want to provide ways they may grow to understand the meaning of the sacrament and also feel that though young, they are significant persons in the covenant family of God. So we invite those children to come forward to the Table and be seated with their parents. The elder who serves the elements to the parents will briefly offer prayer for the child. So that the elders may know which children to pray for in this way, we suggest that the children not taking communion fold their hands on the Table. We hope this custom will encourage parents as they help their children grow in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" and prepare for the time when they are ready to profess Christ and take communion.



ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (*Clerk of Session*), Bill France, Larry Funck, Sarah Holman,  
Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Cathy Sayer, Steve Westfall

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (*Chair*), Debby France, Ron Haydon,  
Tom Nguyen, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Kathy Wetters, Sharon Wolgemuth

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Annika Durbin, *Children's Minister*; Anna and Scott Scheidt, *Ministers to Youth*;  
Barbara Lawrence, *Church Secretary*; Frank Lawrence, *Church Sexton*

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