# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

# MORNING WORSHIP October 30, 2022

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude: Aria Flor Peeters

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS ANNETTE LAPLACA

Preparation for Worship: God and God Alone

Joel Raney
Immanuel Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand.)

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

All: there is no end to his greatness.

Pastor: One generation shall praise your works to another,

and shall declare your power.

All: All your works praise you, Lord, and your faithful servants

bless you.

Pastor: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

All: Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord:

let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

\* INVOCATION

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to

my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Lord's Day 1- Heidelberg Catechism

#### WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

KEN WOLGEMUTH

In every age, God has raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We need God's forgiveness for our indifference to his will. He has commanded us to speak, but at times we have been silent. He has called us to do what is just, but at times we have been fearful. We need God's mercy when we are indeed faithless servants. May we be encouraged by the faithful lives of those that have gone before us; May we be empowered to overcome sin by the Spirit who is within us; May we be emboldened to stand for truth because God is for us.

SONG OF CONFESSION: Spirit of the Living God HYMN 726

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader:

"You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."

Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

\* Acclamation (Please stand)

All: To him who loves us, who leads and feeds us, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, to him be glory and honor and praise throughout all generations. 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.)

# WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Offering and Offertory: Steadfast

Craig Courtney
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Lord, through all the generations You have been our dwelling place. Ever true and ever faithful, showing mercy, love and grace. You are steadfast, Lord.

Steadfast is Your love, O Lord. Water from the rock You offer, Bread of Heaven from above. Strength each day, new every morning, hope in Your redeeming love. You are steadfast, Lord. Steadfast is Your love, O Lord. When my soul by doubt is darkened, in the valley of despair. Walking in the vale of shadows, I can feel Your presence there. Your compassion never failing, steadfast is Your love, O Lord.

You alone deserve our praises, You are worshipped and adored. You are steadfast, Lord. Steadfast is Your love, O Lord.

#### \* Doxology

Howard Whitaker



CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(This week children pre-school through 2nd grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KATHERINE ANDERSON

\* HYMN: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

**Hymn 520** 

#### WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: FIONA BALFE

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

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

<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>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."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:19-26

<sup>19</sup> For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. NIV

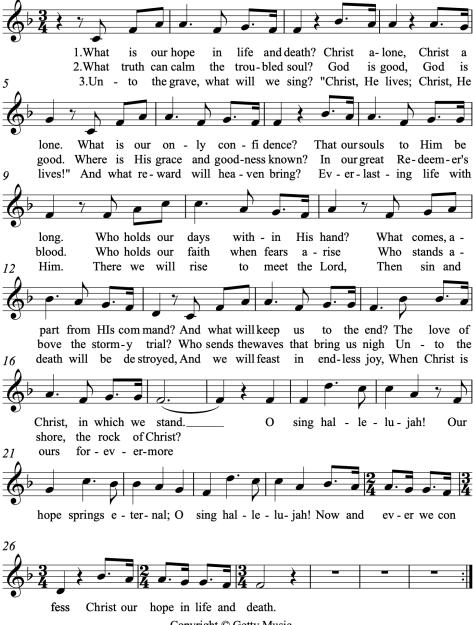
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



- \* Benediction
- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Baptismal side:** He who began a good work in you

**Pulpit side:** will perfect it 'til the day of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen. Philippians 1:6

\* Postlude

### **TODAY**

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Emma Cooksey, Jack Durbin, Chris Gilmore, Chuck King, Steve Wall, Immanuel choir

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Katherine Anderson (katand@sbcglobal.net) will be available to pray with you near the platform after the service or during the week.

	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group</b> (Costume party) Note: Early start. Dinner provided
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
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Mom Talk (childcare)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Amazing Grace Ministries Presentation on human trafficking.

# In Immanuel and Beyond

**New Adult Ed classes (November 6—December 18):** In the Sanctuary, Kent Richter (recently retired professor of philosophy and world religions) will explore "Religions around Us," focusing on the people and practices of groups within about five miles of Immanuel. In the Ministry House, Diane Jerdan (retired missionary, chair of Missions Team, Stephen Minister) and Cathy Sayer (retired professor of writing, lit, and engaged citizenship) will teach from Tim Keller's *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*.

**Learn more about human trafficking:** Amazing Grace ministry will be at Immanuel on Friday night, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation about awareness and advocacy in the western suburbs. Everyone is invited! For more info, contact Kelly Watros (<a href="mailto:thirddown@yahoo.com">thirddown@yahoo.com</a>).

### **ELDERS**

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

# **DEACONS**

Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

## STAFF

George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor, Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life; Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music; Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton