



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD • MATTHEW 6:33

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

September 10, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (*Congregation sings*)

Howard Whitaker

Seek ye first the king-dom of God, and His right-eous-ness a-lone.

For His king-dom is not in words, but in the pow'r of the Spir-it.

in the pow'r of the Spir-it.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff contains the third line, with a second ending bracket over the final two measures. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

* *Congregation stands.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and their name.

All: We wish to be strengthened in our inner selves, that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

Leader: We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ, which surpasses understanding.

All: We come to worship and to praise the source of love and peace. Glory be to God in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HYMNAL 165

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: Let us use the words of Psalm 5 to guide us in our confession.

People: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.

Leader: Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

People: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.

People: The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

People: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house, I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

Leader: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Lord, Have Mercy*

Holy Eucharist II
Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie*)

Arlen Clarke
The Pike's Peak Service

Lord__ have mer-cy, Lord__ have
mer-cy, Christ__ have mer-cy, Christ__ have mer-cy,
Lord__ have mer-cy, Lord__ have mer-cy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Psalm 130*)

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, now and always. 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: *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Kay Hawkes Goodyear
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud Praise to Christ our king:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let us all, with heart and voice,
Now before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
Jesus is our guide and friend
To us he will condescend;
His love will never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Father,
Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

BLESSING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND CHILDREN

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

* HYMN: *Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;— shape and
 mil - i - ty— Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes; in the
 plans for us— Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us— in Your like - - - - - ness; That the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. and by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to day— in our acts of love and our deeds of— faith.
 eyes to see— Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 prom - is - es;— And by faith we'll walk as You walk with— us.



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us— all Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;— Let their
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,— and the



pur - pos - es— for Your glo - - - - - ry.
 truth pre - vail— o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled— with Your glo - - - - - ry.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: LARRY FUNCK

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Exodus 15:3-6

³ The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.
⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh's officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.
⁵ The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.
⁶ Your right hand, Lord,
was majestic in power.
Your right hand, Lord,
shattered the enemy.

Isaiah 11:1-9

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 24:21-23

²¹ In that day the Lord will punish
the powers in the heavens above
and the kings on the earth below.
²² They will be herded together
like prisoners bound in a dungeon;
they will be shut up in prison
and be punished after many days.
²³ The moon will be dismayed,
the sun ashamed;
for the Lord Almighty will reign
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
and before its elders—with great glory. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *God's Kingdom Revealed in History*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

HYMN 353

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Special thanks to Clint Shaffer, Colin Holman, and Ron Haydon for this morning's start to a fresh season of adult education. Their classes on the German hymns of the Reformation and on seeing Jesus in the Old Testament will run through late October.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Zak Reynolds, Immanuel Choir

Special thanks to Sue Lundin for the design of the bulletin covers for the new sermon series. Sue also designed our beautiful new welcome cards, with the help of wonderful photos by Bill Koechling. We're grateful for the expertise and love that go into these carefully designed communication supports.

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| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Food Pantry open |
| 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | College Fellowship at Bretsens' (502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton). "Supper with a side of Screwtape Letters!" RSVP Cindy at 630-386-1534. |
| 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Youth Group (Ministry House) |
| 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Mothering Together (narthex) |

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder **Sarah Holman** will be available near the platform.

This Week

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| Tuesday | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study (<i>childcare</i>) |
| | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Food Pantry open |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Book Group |

COMING

Newcomer's Lunch: If you are fairly new to Immanuel, plan to stay for lunch with church staff members on Sunday, September 24. We want to know you better. RSVP to Annette if you can come.

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