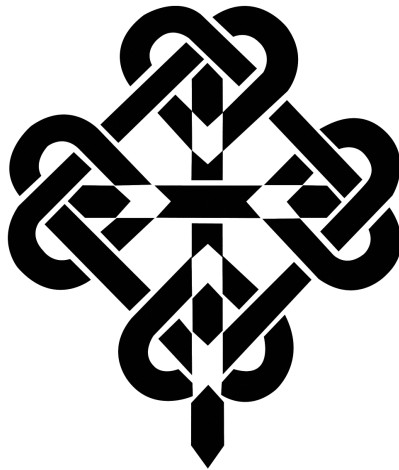


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Immanuel's Mission

Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:

Joyful worship centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word

Resolute fellowship in Christ made alive by the unifying love of the Spirit among us

Transformative learning for all ages toward full maturity in Christ

Loving service to one another, the community and the world, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus

Spirited mission to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE AND ANNIKA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant. Since he has died for our sins, those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance promised them.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Pastor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; with Christ he will surely give us all things that we may glorify him. Praise the Lord.

INVOCATION

(Please be seated after the Invocation)

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;
Free and changeless in his favor, all is well;
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well;
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes, in living and in dying, all must be well.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Before our merciful Lord, we acknowledge our need for his pardon:
For sins in private and in public, in study and recreation,
in busy pursuits of our lives;

**All: In the study of his Word and in the neglect of it,
In prayer casually offered and coldly withheld,
In time misspent,**

Leader: For yielding to Satan's wiles,
For opening our hearts to his temptations,
For being unwatchful when we know he is near,
For quenching the Holy Spirit;

**All: For our sins against light and knowledge,
against conscience and against the Spirit's restraint, against the
law of eternal love. We humbly acknowledge our need to be pardoned
for all our sin, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not
confessed, remembered or forgotten.**

Adapted from The Valley of Vision edited by Arthur Bennet

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

* ACCLAMATION

All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. 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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Acquaint Now Thyself with Him*

Michael Head
SARAH HOLMAN

Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace;
Thereby good shall come unto thee.
Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace;
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill,
For the Lord our God is holy.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Fear before Him all the earth.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name.
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before the most high God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings?

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good
And what does the Lord require of thee
But to do justly and love mercy
And to walk humbly with thy God.

Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace;
Thereby good shall come to thee.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children remain seated, then will be led to their children's worship space.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

DIACONAL PRAYER

KATIE PICKARD

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: GABRIEL AND STEPHANIE WECKESSER

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 126*

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

² Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵ Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: *Romans 8:14-21*

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba Father."¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Revelation 21:1-4

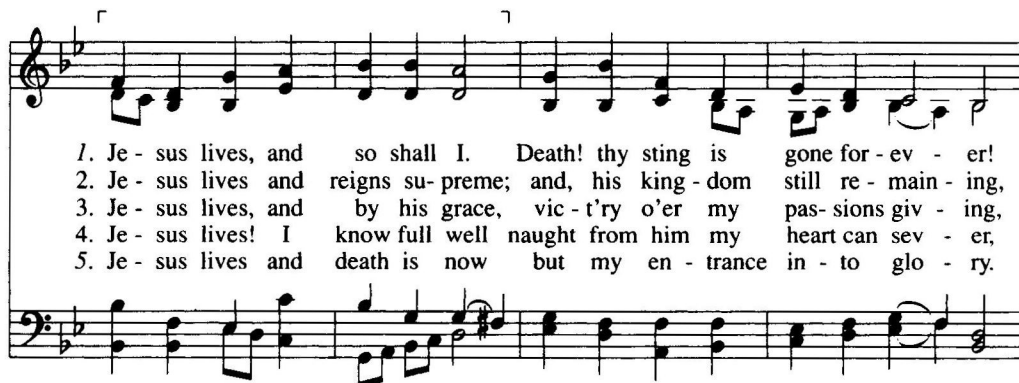
¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

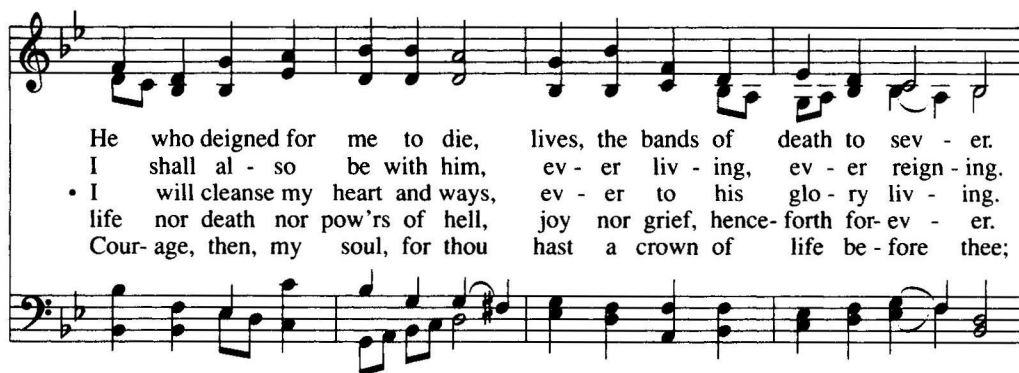
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

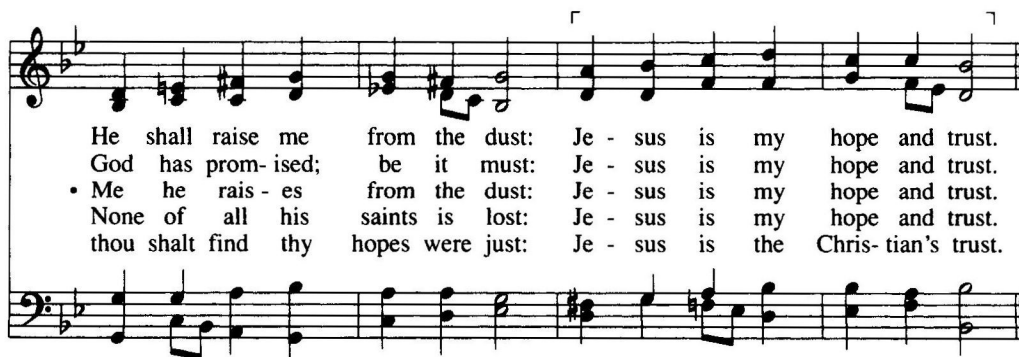
* HYMN: *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
 2. Je - sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king - dom still re - main - ing,
 3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
 4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,
 5. Je - sus lives and death is now but my en - trance in - to glo - ry.



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
 I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
 • I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
 life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.
 Cour - age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be - fore thee;



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 God has prom - ised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 • Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
 thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Je - sus is the Chris - tian's trust.

Christian F. Gellert, 1757
 Tr. by J. D. Lang, 1826

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT 7.8.7.8.7.7.
 Johann Crüger, 1653; arr.

MEDITATION: *The Wait of Glory (Part 2)*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

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

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Carl Pickard will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sarah Holman
Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

4:00 p.m.

Bridal shower for Julianne van Wyk at the home of Dawn Curley, 4816 Linscott Ave., Downers Grove.

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED TODAY

NO YOUTH GROUP

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

Friday

10:30 a.m.

**Memorial service for
Bob Warburton**

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Missions Snapshot: Next Sunday, September 12, our new missionaries, Daniel and Julieanne Tehan and their sons, will be with us for worship. Plan to return to the sanctuary about ten minutes after the end of the service for a time of getting to know the Tehans. We'll wrap up by 12:30.

Adult Ed returns, via Zoom, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, with the next installment of Dan Treier's class, Theology 101, focusing on the themes of sin and salvation. Watch your newsletter for the Zoom link.

Immanuel's College Ministry: College-age students are invited to supper and fellowship two Sunday evenings each month at the home of Steve and Cindy Bretsen, not far from the Wheaton campus. If you want to participate next Sunday, September 12, at 5 p.m. Contact the Bretsens: bretsen@sbcglobal.net.

NOTES

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Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

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