



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD • MATTHEW 6:33

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 24, 2023

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE: *May Thy Holy Spirit*  
*Abendsegen*

Tschenokoff/Sanborn  
Humperdinck/Gerlitz

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.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise be to you, our Heavenly Father, from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power,**

Pastor: And the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

**All: For everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

Pastor: You are exalted as head over all; you are ruler of all things.

**All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

HYMN 296

\* *Congregation stands.*

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KEN WOLGEMUTH

**Leader:** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**People:** **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

**Leader:** the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**People:** **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**Leader:** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**People:** **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

**Leader:** Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**All:** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Lord, Have Mercy*

Holy Eucharist II

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie*)

Arlen Clarke

*The Pike's Peak Service*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 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

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

\* 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.**

\* 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: *Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear*

Tom Trenney

SARAH HOLMAN, IMMANUEL CHOIR

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.  
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.  
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you;  
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.

In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.  
In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.  
I will be the star that shines above to guide you,  
a light unto your path to lead you on.

Do not be afraid, I go before you.  
Do not be afraid, I am by your side.  
Be still and know that I am with you.  
Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

When you're weary, when you're faint,  
I will be with you.  
I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.  
I will be the joy that seeks you  
through your sorrow.

Unending hope my resurrection brings.

When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you.  
I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.  
Though the waters rage and foam,  
fear not, I'm with you.  
I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend; —  
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em brace; —  
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own; —

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Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, — You  
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way, Oh, — we  
 Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne, Oh, — we're

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res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise, — You are the  
 hope - less - ly lost the way. fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

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One we a - dore You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways

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hun - ger for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: WISDOM FAMILY

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 9:6-7*

Reader: For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

**Congregation: And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Reader: Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

**Congregation: He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,**

Reader: establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

**Congregation: The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.**

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

*John 5:19-23*

<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

*Mark 10:42-45*

<sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



*Colossians 1:15-17*

<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. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *A Different King: the Greatest Kingship*

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

HYMN 347

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**TODAY**

**Thanks to our musicians:** Alethea Funck, John Zimmerman, Mary Hopper, Sarah Holman, Immanuel Choir

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

**Newcomers' Lunch:** Newcomers are invited to stay for lunch in the lower level with church staff members after the service.

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" Text 630-386-1534 to RSVP.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group** (Ministry House)

**This Week**

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

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

**Food Pantry open**

**Men's Book Group** (*Pastor's office*)





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