



THE IMMANUEL DOVE

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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Grace and peace to you Immanuel!

It's hard to believe that Holy Week is right around the corner—beginning with Palm Sunday on April 5th and culminating with Easter Sunday April 12th. I believe it, but it doesn't *fee*/like it. I tell you, it's an odd experience preaching in an empty sanctuary for our online services. I try to picture in my mind all of you in the future listening from your couches and computer desks as God's Word is preached. We the church continue our worship, but it's

still strange to think that the sanctuary will be empty and the doors closed on Easter. In times like these, we must believe and trust that the Jesus who cried out on Good Friday, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46) is the same Jesus who later assured his disciples after his resurrection, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20). The empty sanctuary reminds us of the empty tomb!

The closer we get to Palm Sunday and Good Friday, the closer Easter comes. We have hope even in the suffering and the unknown, because we know Jesus has made it through the alienation and crucifixion of his passion to his resurrection and exaltation. Because he did, we will. The solitude of Good Friday is teaching us important lessons about community. None of us are an island. My health is connected to your health. Paradoxically we show our love and connection to one another by refraining from connection for this season. This pandemic has forced great and small alike to see our human fragility even when we were so strong. Worshipping online has been a new and growing experience for us, opening up doors for new kinds of ministry for us. This season of fasting has helped me treasure what I once took for granted: public worship, handshakes, hugs, Bible studies, and breaking bread together. I look forward to the day when our fasting will be transformed to feasting again.

It's my prayer that this season of absence would make our hearts grow fonder for one another and God. May you be comforted with the words of David from Psalm 139, ***"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."*** Jesus is taking us by the hand and leading us to resurrection. Jesus is with us, through it all.

Love,
Pastor John



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UPDATE FROM OUR SESSION -

Our prayers for protection, provision, and perseverance remain with you and our world in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Session met last night in a Zoom meeting and would like to update the congregation regarding Immanuel's latest COVID-19 precautions.

Online only worship services at Immanuel have been extended through Sunday, May 3rd. Session will revisit this date upon our next meeting April 21st and communicate the latest updates to the church. The church campus continues to be closed to all non-essential meetings.



Under the guidance of our state authorities and the presbytery, all church staff now either work remotely or from the church. Effective immediately, the church office is locked and all business will be carried out through phone or email. The office will open only for essential financial and facility business. Staff will continue upholding "physical distancing" precautions. You may call or email the office if you need to be in touch with Pastor John or other staff at the following email addresses:

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We encourage members to stay in touch and care for one another through phone calls, texts, social media, and email. Our hope for staff and members is that we be socially connected and warm while being physically distant.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has approved churches to celebrate the Lord's Supper in online services. Session approved for Immanuel to partake of communion during our online Easter service on Sunday, April 12th. See below for further directions about this unique experience.

The church leadership greatly appreciates your faithful financial giving in this challenging time in our nation. Tithes and offerings can either be mailed to the church (9252 E. 22nd Street, Tucson AZ 85710) or you can give online at www.immanuelpc.org/giving. Your giving makes a difference and we are grateful for your generosity.

Important details as Holy Week approaches:

- For those who are healthy and interested, we are still preparing Casa Maria sandwiches from home. Bagged lunches may be dropped off in the church parking lot by Witherspoon Hall in Michael Dungan's car between 8-9am this Saturday, April 4th.

- Our online Palm Sunday service this Sunday can be viewed on either immanuelpc.org or YouTube (type in Immanuel Presbyterian Church Tucson in the search and click the desired IPC online service you want to view). You can view the service on Sunday, April 5th at 10am or anytime that works for you.
- You can give towards the PCUSA Easter Special Offering One Great Hour of Sharing. Please mark this in the memo of your check or indicate your designated gift to this offering online.
- Immanuel's online Good Friday Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 10th can be viewed at 7pm... or anytime.
- Immanuel's online Easter service, Sunday April 12th can be viewed at 10am... or anytime. We will partake of holy communion at home in this online service. You are invited in your homes to have bread and juice with you before the service starts so that you may partake of the Lord's Supper while watching the service online.

These words of the Apostle Paul come to mind as I think of you all:

Be at peace among yourselves...Admonish the undisciplined, encourage the faint-hearted, support the weak and be patient with everyone. See that no one repays evil with evil; always seek what is best for one another and everyone. Always be joyful; pray constantly; in every situation give thanks; this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus...test everything and hold fast to what is good and shun every form of evil. May the God of peace sanctify you fully; and may your spirit, life, and body be kept blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who has called you is trustworthy and will carry it out.

-1 Thessalonians 5: 13-24 RNJB

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John, on behalf of the Session

Session's inaugural Zoom meeting on April 1st.



Online Schedule for April

April 5th - Palm Sunday

9:00am Adult CE Class via Zoom
10:00am Online Worship Service
5:00pm Youth Group via Zoom

HOLY WEEK



April 10th - Good Friday

7:00pm Online Worship Service

April 12th - Easter

9:00am Adult CE Class via Zoom
10:00am Online Worship Service with Communion

April 19th

9:00am Adult CE Class via Zoom
10:00am Online Worship Service
5:00pm Youth Group via Zoom

April 26th

9:00am Adult CE Class via Zoom
10:00am Online Worship Service
5:00pm Youth Group via Zoom

Online worship services are posted to our website by 6:00am each Sunday and continue to be available for viewing at anytime. We encourage you to gather with us virtually at 10:00am if you are able. To view the services just visit our website at immanuelpc.org and click the video to play.

New Adult Class Starts April 5th!

FEARLESS CONVERSATION

9:00am via Zoom

Join us for this new series led by Jonathan Cain as we discuss:

What was really going on at Jesus' "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem?
Resurrection seems so impossible...how can I believe in a literal "Easter" story?
What if God wants more than I can give?
Did God really disown Jesus on the cross?
How can I know Jesus is really alive today?

How do "deep" conversations begin? Through grappling questions and respectful discussion. Relationships deepen, and people begin to see God at work in their lives, and the lives of others.



Questions? Contact Kris Goorsky at kris@immanuelpc.org

Youth Group in Zoom-dom!

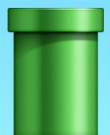
Sundays in April at 5pm

Games

Devotion

Discussion

A Jesus centered life—
Let's talk honestly
about this Jesus Guy



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Lenten Food Drive — For the Haven Totes Food Pantry



Thank you, Immanuel, for taking part in our Lenten Food Drive for the Haven Totes Food Pantry. They were very thankful to receive your donations. You gave -

- ★ **103 jars of peanut butter**
- ★ **84 jars of jelly, jam, and preserves**
- ★ **85 cans of fruit**
- ★ **164 packages of pasta**
- ★ **96 “odds and ends” including some personal care items**

In addition, \$150 was donated that will be sent to them for the purchase of fresh foods. These photos were taken on March 12.

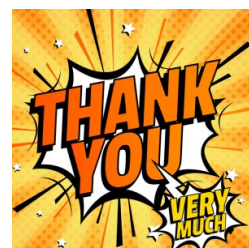
We especially want to thank Cheryl Wood and Mary Kay Bush for counting, packing, and transporting everything to Fountain of Life Lutheran Church where Haven Totes Food Pantry is located. The food we collected will help to feed children and their families during this time of scarcity and fear.

Thank you for blessing those in need!



A JUNQUE SALE SUCCESS!

Recognition and gratitude is due to the volunteers who, under challenging conditions, made the 2020 Junque Sale an event to remember. A big shout-out for those **raising \$1,550 for Casa Maria Free Kitchen** with their time, talent, enthusiasm and muscle:



Mike and Flo Dungan
Gary and Lynda Grochowski
Lucy Greenleaf
Marie Roberts
Bobbie Butler
Skip Smith
Paul Tuohy
John Tittle
Wayne and Susan Barnes ... and providing some comic relief, their dog, Geyser

Chuck and Rhonda Wilkie
Fred and Kay Schmidt
Cliff Fujii
Judy Malis
Erminia Gomez
Gale Griffin
Carol Schurr
Kate Kelly

John and Trudy Kingsolver
Craig and Renee Geiger
Dave Diebold
Marlene Stevens
Fred Boomer
Ann Thornes
Larry Tippie
Kris Goorsky

Many thanks, also, to the many folks who donated their treasured Junque to the sale AND to those who shopped, found those treasures, and gave them new homes. We know it was controversial to go ahead with the sale. We did everything we could to keep it as safe as possible. Because we raised over \$1500, Casa Maria will have some funds to help them at this very challenging time.

In Christ, Darlys Tippie

The First of Four Special Offerings



Four times a year, special offering envelopes show up in our worship bulletins. They're accompanied by a bulletin insert, describing the good that will come from your contributions and what kind of help they'll provide. Special Offerings are generated by the Presbyterian Church (USA). The first one taken during the year is the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which is collected Easter Sunday. Here's what it is and what it does—

One Great Hour of Sharing — April 12th

- Began shortly after WWII to provide world relief
- Collected during Lent and Easter
- Serves people who are hungry, people who are victims of natural disasters, and people who are suffering because of societal systems beyond their control.
- Provides a cache of cash that the denomination can tap to provide immediate relief in places that individual congregations may not be able to reach.
- Shares a legacy of seven denominations to help Church World Service provide relief around the globe.
- You can read more about OGHS online at onegreathourofsharing.org.

The four special offerings really *are* special. They reach people whom we ordinarily cannot reach. Of course, we will always respond to smaller, more immediate needs in our community, but the quarterly special offerings give us a way to make a difference locally, nationally, and globally that we might not be able to make if we didn't have the connection to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Through our special offerings, we empower people around the globe to live happier, healthier, safer, and more rewarding lives because we share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Need A Helping Hand?

If you need assistance in getting groceries or other supplies during this time of COVID-19 precautions, please call the church office at (520) 296-2253.

We can do the shopping for you and drop it off at your home.



STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING

There will be an economic impact on many of us during this season—including the church. Your giving is so appreciated and important. We are going to be very wise and frugal in our spending in this unusual season we find ourselves in—we will keep tabs on this and continue to make appropriate adjustments in our spending.

Please continue your giving — either through mail or online:



**9252 E. 22nd Street
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www.immanuelpc.org/giving

As a church, we continue to serve and work hard for you and for the community. The ministries and missions we support continue to need our giving. We're still the church—even if we can't meet the way we normally meet. Let's continue to discover and display Christ—maybe not "in here" right now, but we can keep doing it "out there!" Keep up your prayers for our church, our country, our leaders, doctors, nurses, researchers, and world.



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Rev. John Tittle, Moderator
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Cheryl Wood

Easter Word Search

ANGELS
APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
BLOOD
CALVARY
CROSS
CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION
DARKNESS
DEATH
EARTHQUAKE
EASTER
GOLGOTHA
HIGH PRIEST
JESUS CHRIST
JOSEPH
JUDAS ISCARIOT
KING
LAMB

MARY
NAILS
PASSOVER
PIECES OF SILVER
PIERCED
PILATE
RESURRECTION
ROBE
ROMANS
SACRIFICE
SIMON OF CYRENE
SOLDIERS
SON OF GOD
SPEAR
STONE
TEMPLE
THIEVES
THREE DAYS
TOMB

Easter Egg Hunt

How many Easter eggs can you find?



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship 5:00pm Youth on Zoom	6	7	8	9	10 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00pm Online Worship	11
12 EASTER 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship 5:00pm Youth on Zoom	20	21 Session Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship 5:00pm Youth on Zoom	27	28	29	30		



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