



# Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Service

August 30, 2020

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

arr. Schurr

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hebrews 1*

One: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

**All: now God has spoken to us by a Son.**

One: God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

**All: The Son is the exact representation of God's being, sustaining all things by his powerful Word.**

One: Praise God for the gift of the Son!

**All: We welcome the light of the world!**

SONG

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

CALL TO CONFESSION

*John 3:19*

One: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Christ is the light of the world, but we feel like we are in a fog these days, O God.

**All: We confess our poor sense of direction.**

One: We let our circumstances disorient, distract, and discourage us.

**All: God, we fail to follow the signs you provide. We go down dark paths and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.**

One: Forgive our meanderings, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you.

All: **Baptize us with your Spirit, replenish our spiritual dryness and exhaustion, so that forgiven and renewed, we may joyfully testify to your goodness to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. Brothers and Sisters, you are a new creation in Christ Jesus—be at peace. And with the confidence of God's children, let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SONG

*Forgiven*

David Crowder & Ed Cash

## MUSICAL SEGUE

*Linus and Lucy*

Vince Guaraldi

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 1:6-11* NRSV

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,

in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God.

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*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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