



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

January 14, 2024

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

*Song

Agnus Dei

Smith

*Call to Worship

Psalm 139

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

One: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

One: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

All: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

One: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

One: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

All: I come to the end—I am still with you.

One: Let us worship the living God!

Song

I Will Follow

Tomlin, Ingram, Morgan

Call to Confession

1 John 1: 5-7

One: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Africana Worship

One: Empower us with gifts and desire, gracious God, to minister with your people.

All: Bless and guide us, O Lord.

One: Lord, we often boast that we are "one people under God," yet we are divided by strife and factions with the sin of disunity spreading among us like a disease. We are unable to measure up to our standards, much less to yours.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

One: Cleanse us and make us whole. Renew our minds and motives so that we might be your people, acceptable in your sight.

All: We seek your guidance, Lord.

One: The tensions and differences of race, traditions, culture, creed, and language consume and alienate us. Come among us, O God, and free us to live creatively, worship openly, and love unconditionally.

All: Forgive our arrogance, Lord.

One: Help us to remember that to bear the good news to others means to first live the good news among ourselves.

All: We seek boldness, Lord.

One: Remind us that we are dependent on one another. Show us we are to be concerned for all people. Teach us to love one another.

All: Teach us the joy of sharing, Lord.

One: We ask for power, guidance, and direction as your people on a holy mission. As the community of faith, may we be faithful to the call to spread Christ's love, care, and concern to all people.

All: Give us a loving heart and willing spirit, Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God is faithful and has called us into the communion of Christ. Though our sins are like filthy rags, God will not remember them, but gives us grace and strength so that we might be in right relationship with God and people. Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven--be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message**Prayer for Illumination****Gospel Reading***John 1: 43-51* NRSVue

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon*Under the Fig Tree*

Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication*Offertory Music***Colored People*

DC Talk

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Elders: Karl Aurand, Cheralynn Baylor, Curt Christy, Leslie Cullins-Shechter-Cullins, Jeff Fennema, Jeff Hotchkiss, and Liz Wallendorf

Deacons: Wayne Barnes, Susan Barnes, Bobbie Butler, Erminia Gomez, Diana Place, and Jean Samuelson

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.

***Closing Song**

Soul on Fire

Third Day

***Responsive Charge and Benediction**

One: Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: With God's help we will.

One: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Jeff Hotchkiss, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoraci3n Ensemble – George Davis, Becky Diebold, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Joy Hager

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