

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



Traditional Worship Service

January 15, 2023

11:00am

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CANTERBURY

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRELUDE

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

One: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

All: The world and all its people belong to him.

One: For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

All: Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

One: Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies.

All: They will receive the Lord's blessing and have right standing with God their savior.

One: Come, let us worship the living God!

*HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

No. 220

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, forgive us when we answer your grace upon grace with grumble after grumble about limited resources or not having enough. Forgive us when we answer your grace upon grace with grim predictions and grudging giving. Forgive us when we grip reality so tightly that we can't loosen up to receive your surprises and possibilities, for we pray with our open hands and hearts. God, you are our provider. All that we have is yours. Help us to live into this reality made possible in Christ Jesus. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 145

One: Hear the good news: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Sisters and Brothers, you are forgiven and reconciled in Christ Jesus—be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 NRSVue

¹ We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, ⁵ and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Giving Grace
Rev. John C. Tittle

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 420

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision
Tim Bacchus, soloist

Traditional

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Arr. Vaughan Williams

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness and mercy we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be your name forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Laurie Emery (Class of 2025)
Bill Haldeman (Class of 2025)
Sean Shifflette (Class of 2025)
Ed Vander Woude (Class of 2025)

Deacons:

Ann Jarvis (Class of 2025)
Carol Kienbaum (Class of 2025)
Marlene Stevens (Class of 2025)

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.

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

No. 525

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

15th cent.

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor
Clay Whittington, Interim Traditional Worship Music Leader
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Debby Johnson, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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