



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

Communion Sunday

February 5, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

*Song *Light of the World* Schwartz

*Call to Worship *Psalm 112*

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

All: The generation of the upright will be blessed and their righteousness endures forever.

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

All: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

One: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

All: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

One: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; All: their righteousness endures forever.

*Song *This Is Amazing Grace* Farro, Riddle, Wickham

Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our

self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

Today Is The Day

Brewster, Baloché

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 13-20 NRSVue

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory Music

Everlasting Light

The Black Keys

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise your holy name and join our voices with the celestial choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

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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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Concluding Prayer

*Closing Song *Go Light Your World* Rice

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Alternative Worship Service Music Leader

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Sean Shifflette, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Joy Hager

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