



# **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

February 12, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(\*Please stand as you are able)

## Welcome and Community Life

Moment for Scouting

Sean Shifflette

Opening Prayer

\*Song

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Myrin, Redman

\*Call to Worship

*Psalm 119*

One: Happy are those whose lives are faultless, who live according to the law of the Lord.

All: Happy are those who follow his commands, who obey him with all their heart.

One: They never do wrong; they walk in the Lord's ways.

All: Lord, you have given us your laws and told us to obey them faithfully.

One: How I hope that I shall be faithful in keeping your instructions!

All: As I learn your righteous judgments, I will praise you with a pure heart.

One: I will obey your laws; never abandon me!

Song

*God Will Lift Up Your Head*

Jars of Clay

## Enacted Confession

*Take some time to prayerfully reflect on your week (or you can go back further in time). Is there something that has been bothering you about a **word** you have spoken to someone, or an **attitude** you've had towards someone or something, or an **action** towards another that you would like to take back? You are invited to place the heart included in your bulletin by one of those three areas (**attitude, word, or action**) up front. Ask for God's forgiveness and pray for the person and situation involved that there might be healing or resolution. We'll conclude this time with a prayer.*

Song

*Love Divine*

Thompson, Rend Collective

## Children's Message

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Reading

*Matthew 5: 21-37 NRSVue*

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup> But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

#### Sermon

*You Have Heard It Said*

Rev. John C. Tittle

#### Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother*

Scott (The Hollies)

### Prayers of the People

One: Life giving God,

All: hear us and be with us.

### 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

*Beautiful One*

Hughes

\*Charge and Benediction

### Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual and lay reader

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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