

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

1st Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

Celebration of the Lord's Day

*stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

***Song** Reckless Love Culver, Asbury, Jackson

*Call to Worship Psalm 69

One: Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck.

All: Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold to stand on.

One: My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me.

All: Answer my prayers, O Lord, for your unfailing love is wonderful.

One: Turn and take care of me, for your mercy is so plentiful.

All: Rescue me, O God, by your saving power. Then I will praise God's name with singing, and I will honor him with thanksgiving.

One: The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God's help live in joy.

All: Praise him, O heaven and earth, the seas and all that move in them.

***Song** *Kyrie Eleison* Tomlin, Ingram, Maher, Redman

Call to Confession Matthew 22

One: Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love

inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Psalm 103

One: Hear the good news: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him." Sisters and brothers—be at peace. In Christ Jesus you are a new creation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song Revelation Song Riddle

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17 NRSVue

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Bow in the Clouds Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory I Can See Clearly Now Johnny Nash

Prayers for the People

One: Lord in your mercy, **All: hear our 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.

*Closing Song

Lord, I Need You

Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Marcia Aurand, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Becky Diebold, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell,

Joy Hager

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