

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service
1st Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Reflection on St. Flavian

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WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*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.

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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 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!

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF 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.

SERMON

Bow in the Clouds
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 at 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.

*HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision with Lead, Kindly Light

Stamegna

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*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.

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.

*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

GTG-166

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for
2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and
3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst, so
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
5. A - bide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
didst the vic - tory win, O give us strength in
teach us, gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and
through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more in
suf - fer - ing o - ver past, an Eas - ter of un -

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.
end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Johnson

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